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College Ranked a Top Value in the U.S.

When it comes to offering great academics at a reasonable price, few colleges do it better than SUNY Plattsburgh.

According to a new study published in the February issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, SUNY Plattsburgh ranks 57th on the magazine's list of 100 Best Values in Public Colleges for out-of-state students.

SUNY Plattsburgh also ranked 84th among public colleges on the list

of best values for in-state students.

The magazine based the rankings on data that more than 500 four-year public colleges and universities provided to Thomson Peterson's, which calls itself the leading provider of personalized solutions for education and career achievement.

"This ranking comes as no surprise to our College," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Our academic quality, especially the quality of our

dedicated and exceptional faculty, has given us a national reputation of excellence. When you add in the cost and financial aid factors, SUNY Plattsburgh provides an outstanding educational value for our students."

In particular, *Kiplinger's* focused on three criteria - academic quality, cost and financial aid - to arrive at its ratings. Schools that top *Kiplinger's*

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Spring Semester Opens with Planning Day

Faculty and staff at SUNY Plattsburgh gathered in Yokum Hall on Jan. 20 for Winter Planning Day to hear reports on the state of the College.

President John Ettling began the day with an update on several important initiatives of the College. He spoke about the next steps in the teacher education accreditation process with NCATE.

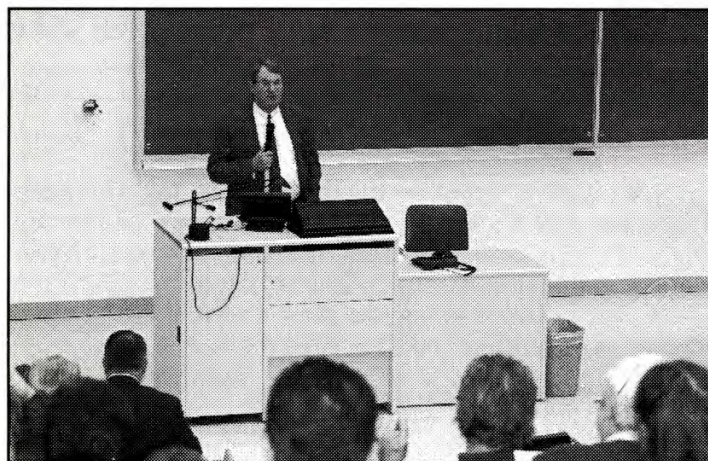
Ettling also talked about the Whiteface Program for first year students.

"All indications are that the first year programs are doing what we hoped they would. We will look at the retention rates after this year. My sense is that these programs are doing well," Ettling said.

The president said that enrollment for the fall semester was looking good since applications are up. He also announced that two new degree completion programs will be available in September for students at Adirondack Community College through the SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Center. (See story, page 8.)

Ettling said that the state of the College is very good and that a priority will be to add more full-time teaching faculty.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, gave an update on the Middle States periodic review. Middle States is the regional accrediting body for institutions of higher education. In 2002, the College was granted a 10-year re-accreditation with the condition of a follow-up visit in 2004. At that time, the College was given a clean bill of health. The next step is a five-year periodic review report that will be due in June 2007.



President Ettling addresses faculty and staff in attendance during Planning Day.

Golden announced the co-chairs for the periodic review report will be Bryan Hartman, director of residence life, Carla Hendrix, SUNY distinguished librarian, and Dr. Michael Morgan, associate dean of education, health and human services and associate professor of communication disorders and sciences. Dr. Patricia Higgins, associate vice president for academic affairs and distinguished service professor of anthropology, and Dr. Robert Davis, professor of communication disorders and sciences, will serve as consultants.

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Adirondack Wind Ensemble Concert Jan. 28

The Adirondack Wind Ensemble will perform an all-Finnish concert on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

The program, "Visions from the North: Music from Finland," reflects the work done by the ensemble's director, Daniel Gordon, assistant professor of music, while on sabbatical leave during the 2004-05 academic year.

The concert will feature guest director Nikke Isomottonen from Finland. Tickets, \$8 for the general pub-

lic and free for all students, are available at the door only.

This event is made possible with funds from the SUNY Plattsburgh Music Department and the Plattsburgh State Student Association through the Campus Arts Council, College Auxiliary Services and with support from a Finlandia Foundation Trust Grant and the Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter.

For more information, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.

Council Recommends Cheryl Hogle Courtyard



Hogle

The SUNY Plattsburgh College Council has recommended that the Algonquin Hall Courtyard be named in honor of Cheryl Hogle, a 1968 Plattsburgh State graduate and former member of the Student Affairs staff.

The council approved the resolution at its Dec. 8, 2005 meeting. Donald Garrant '57 G'59, chair of the College Council, said, "Cheryl is a devoted member of the Alumni Association and retired veteran of the Student Affairs staff of this institution. She deserves this recognition, which the College Council wholeheartedly supports."

The resolution has been sent to the President for his approval.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Angell College Center.



The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Community Commemoration was held on Monday, Jan. 16 at the Newman Center. This year's featured speaker was Marlene Fields (above), director of the Educational Opportunity Program at SUNY Plattsburgh. Fields is also the chair of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, which she joined in 1992. Fields is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Oswego and her master's of education degree from Antioch Graduate School of Education in Ohio.

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J.W. Wiley, director of the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion, then spoke about curriculum inclusion efforts on campus and the comprehensive diversity plan for SUNY Plattsburgh. In addition to the CDPI Film Series and WRAP Sessions (see story, page 8), Wiley talked about the Faculty Roundtable Workshops, the Curriculum Inclusion Committee, the Diversity Task Force and the Advisory Council.

Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and College historian, presented information about the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and its activities for the spring semester.

John Homburger, vice president for business affairs, gave a budget update including the current budget and the outlook for next year. He said that the College is continuing to deal with an annual budget gap in excess of \$1.4 million, but he is encouraged by the positive momentum we have been building this year.

Dr. E. Thomas Moran, interim vice president for institutional advancement, director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life and distinguished service professor, gave an update on the College's capital campaign and spoke about the faculty and staff role in the campaign. He urged everyone to support the College through a gift to the Plattsburgh

College Foundation.

Dr. Kathy Lavoie, dean of arts and science, presented a list of 21 proposed action plans for strategic plan initiatives for the 2006-07 budgeting cycle.

The next steps include gathering more information for each action plan; placing the proposals on the Web and inviting comments; focused discussions with the Resources and Planning Committee and other campus groups; and open meetings to discuss the plans. The revised proposals will be presented during the May Planning Day. A final discussion will be held by the President's Cabinet. President Ettling will then report on the plans at the Fall Opening Meeting.

Following the presentation on the strategic action plans, several breakout sessions were held throughout Yokum, including Enrollment Management led by Davis; College's Assessment Initiatives, led by Higgins and Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism; Learning Communities, led by Dr. Robert Keever, associate professor of mathematics and new coordinator of the learning community program, and Dr. Thomas Morrissey, distinguished teaching professor of history and past coordinator of the program; and Teacher Education Accreditation, led by Dr. David Hill, dean of education, health and human services.

Patrick Stewart Named New Sports Information Director

Even though Patrick Stewart moved from Abilene, Texas, to take the sports information director position at SUNY Plattsburgh, he is certainly familiar with the North Country.

In his pre-teens, Stewart lived in Burlington, Vt., and his parents own a home in Morrisville, Vt.

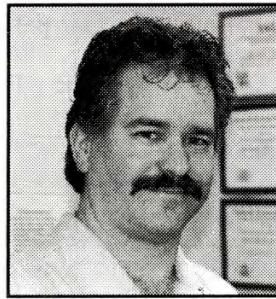
"Both my wife and I have roots in the Northeast," said Stewart. "When I was a kid, my dad took me to UVM (University of Vermont) and Plattsburgh State hockey games."

In Abilene, Stewart was the sports information director for McMurry University, a NCAA Division III school with a 19-sport athletics program. While there, Stewart had successful placements of news pieces in *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today* and the *Dallas Morning News*. Prior to this role, he was the sports information director at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore.

His extensive background in sports media relations includes stints at the University of Alaska in Anchorage, Ohio University and Newberry College in South Carolina.

Athletic Director Bruce Delventhal is looking forward to working with Stewart.

"The Athletic Department at SUNY Plattsburgh is excited to welcome Patrick as the new sports information director," said Delventhal. "His love of intercollegiate athletics is



Stewart

evident as soon as you talk with him. He has an extensive and impressive background in his field, and we believe he can lift the sports information office to a new level. We are pleased to welcome Patrick and his wife to the SUNY Plattsburgh community."

During his career, Stewart has been awarded 20 national citations for athletic publications and writing excellence, including six "Best in the Nation" awards from the College Sports Information Directors of American (CoSIDA).

Stewart, who joins Kerry Chapin, the assistant sports information director, and a group of students who work in the sports information office, said that he is excited to be a part of the Cardinal athletic program at Plattsburgh.

"I've known the Plattsburgh name for quite a long time," said Stewart. "I feel that the program here is on the verge of being a national player in Division III athletics. Our media outlets should be not only local, but regional and national as well. And not only providing exposure for athletics, but for the College as a whole. I want to make sure that the student athletes get the awards and accolades they deserve."

Stewart received a bachelor's degree in communication and a bachelor's degree in physical education at Ohio University. He moved to Plattsburgh with his wife, Geri, who has a son, Chris, currently serving in Iraq, and a daughter, Katherine, currently living in Maine.

"Plattsburgh State is very competitive and can grow to a higher level," said Stewart. "I want to bring a Division I philosophy to my role as sports information director."

Campus Construction Update

Pedestrians using the walkway over Broad Street between Beaumont and Hudson Halls will notice some new construction.

The new pipes that run under and over the footbridge on Broad Street are a temporary connection of the high temperature water line from Beaumont Hall to Hudson Hall. They are supplying high temperature hot water from the Central Heating Plant to Hudson, Redcay, Ward and Hawkins halls.

The high temperature hot water is converted in those buildings to steam and hot water, which provide heat and domestic hot water.

"This is a temporary fix to a continuous problem that has been getting worse every year," said Stanley Supinski, facilities director. "The high temp underground line has been developing leaks. This past fall it was determined that since a major project could not be undertaken at this time, it was prudent to install a temporary fix until the major project to dig up

and replace the underground piping could be designed and constructed. Essentially we are bypassing the buried line that feeds the entire north side of campus across Broad Street."

Supinski said that if the old line had failed, all of these buildings would have been shut down and essentially evacuated.

"We dodged a bullet and bought enough time for a new design and installation of the underground high temp line. We hope to begin this replacement project this fall," said Supinski.

Another project on the horizon is an update to the electrical distribution system on campus.



The temporary high temp water line across the pedestrian walkway.

According to Supinski, the design phase is in full gear. A new electrical system will be installed separately from the existing electrical lines. The schedule calls for construction to begin this June and completed by fall 2007.

The replacement of condensation lines in Kehoe, which began during winter break, is in the process of final patching and painting.

Tony Maglione Joins SBDC Staff

Tony Maglione of Plattsburgh has been appointed to the staff of the North Country Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at SUNY Plattsburgh. Maglione will be responsible for assisting businesses throughout five northern New York counties.

In making the announcement, Delena Clark, director of the center, said, "We are delighted to have Tony's expertise in finance to benefit our clients."

Maglione earned a bachelor's degree in finance and international business from McGill University in 1992 and an MBA from Concordia University in 1999.

Since 1999, he has been part of the adjunct faculty in the School of Business and Economics at SUNY Plattsburgh, providing instruction in finance and economics. Maglione has comprehensive experience in business financial management and procurement operations. His corporate career



Maglione

spans an eight-year period in the banking, paper and electronics industries.

"I am glad to be part of a team of well-qualified professionals who are adept at providing business assistance to our region," said Maglione.

Maglione resides in Plattsburgh with his wife and daughter.

The NYS/SBDC at Plattsburgh, part of the School of Business and Economics at Plattsburgh State, works one-on-one in a confidential setting with emerging, existing and expanding entrepreneurs by exploring avenues for funding, marketing and management. The staff provides these services at no cost to clients in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren and northern Washington counties.

Businesses seeking advice on strategic management decisions or assistance in developing cash flow projections or financial statement analysis can contact Maglione at 518-564-2042. You can also find out more about SBDC by visiting its website at www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/support/sbdc/.

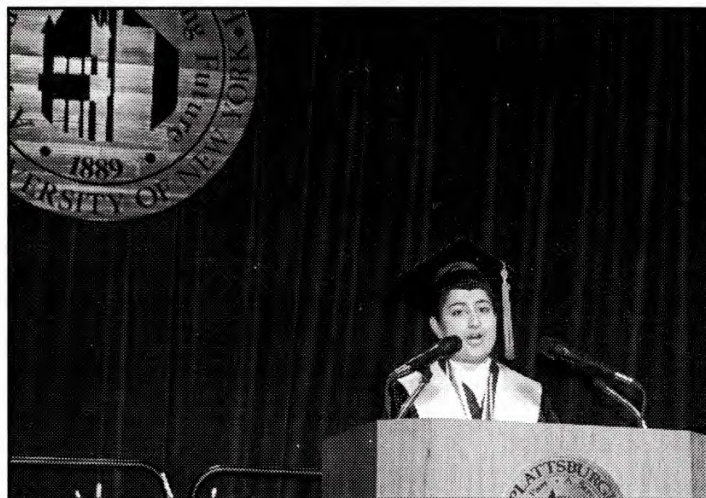
Graduate Studies Open House Jan. 31

A world of opportunity awaits those who are interested in gaining a master's degree at SUNY Plattsburgh. To learn more about these opportunities, the Graduate Admissions Office is hosting a Graduate Studies Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

The open house gives prospective graduate students the chance to explore programs designed to meet their needs, including evening, summer and Internet courses. SUNY Plattsburgh offers graduate programs in liberal studies, education, counselor education, school psychology and speech-language pathology.

Liberal studies programs include administration and leadership, computer science, English language and literature, historical studies, natural sciences and organizational development. There will be information available on all these programs, plus admissions and financial aid information.

For more information on the Graduate Studies Open House, contact Graduate Admissions 564-4723 or visit the Website: www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate



Hugs, laughter and tears of joy were shared between parents, siblings and friends and the newest alumni of SUNY Plattsburgh following the 2005 Winter Commencement Exercises Dec. 17. More than 450 students were eligible to receive their diplomas during the ceremony at the Field House that featured Hira Shafqat (above), an accounting and business major from Karachi, Pakistan, as the student speaker.

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list are noteworthy for their combination of top-flight academics and affordable costs.

The emphasis on academic strength is reflected in the scoring, with academic quality measurements carrying more weight than costs (almost two-thirds of the total).

Academic-quality factors include student-faculty ratios, four- and six-year graduation rates and SAT and

ACT scores of entering freshmen. Cost factors include total cost, average cost (after subtracting grants, but not loans) and average debt of graduates.

Richard Higgins, director of admissions and associate vice president of enrollment management, said that the majority of students who enroll at SUNY Plattsburgh are academically competitive and obtain outstanding educational outcomes.

"This ranking illustrates that Plattsburgh State is viewed as a challenging environment without imposing the burden of significant college debt," said Higgins.

"We have always been focused on student and graduation success, so to be honored by Kiplinger's as a best value sends a great message to prospective students and their parents."

Michael Cashman Re-elected President of SA

For the first time in the College's history, a sitting Student Association president has been re-elected to office.

Michael Cashman, a 2003 SUNY Plattsburgh undergraduate from Ballston Spa, N.Y., and now a graduate student in student affairs in professional practice, was re-elected president in the Student Association's December election.



Cashman

The following students were also voted into office: Executive Vice President – **Kimberly Garrison**, a sophomore anthropology major from Palatine Bridge, N.Y. Vice President for Academics – **Brian Young**, a sophomore speech communications major from Glenville, N.Y. Vice President for Activities – **Jaleah Keitt**, a junior economics major from Hollis, N.Y. Vice President for Arts – **Crystal Paoletti**, a junior business and professional communication major from Jamesville, N.Y. Vice President for Organizations – **April Rodriguez**, a junior adolescent education (English) major from Buffalo, N.Y. Vice President for Central Affairs – **Heather Graham**, a junior special education (English) major from Argyle, N.Y. Vice President for Finances – **Andre Marshall**, a senior accounting major from

Bronx, N.Y. Vice President for Student Services – **Alissa Cody**, a junior special education (social studies) major from Clifton Park, N.Y. Chief Justice of the Student Court of Appeals – **Allison Dickstein**, a senior criminal justice major from Bronx, N.Y. Associate Justices – **Joseph Murphy**, a junior audio, radio and digital media major from Cambridge, N.Y.; **Don Ford**, a junior criminal justice major from Mount Kisco; and **Kevin Curley**, a sophomore nursing major from Brewster, N.Y.

Students also voted to retain a mandatory Student Association fee that helps underwrite more than 60 student clubs and organizations across campus.

The 868-161 vote means that full-time students will continue paying \$65 per semester to the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association in support of programs, services and clubs and organizations on campus.

"I'm very, very pleased that the student body once again recognized that there is a lot of wealth in supporting our Student Association mandatory fee," said Cashman following the vote.

The mandatory-fee referendum is required by the SUNY Board of Trustees and takes place every two years. The next mandatory fee vote is set for 2007.

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Tim Clukey, associate professor in the Communication Department, recently authored an article for the *Music Educators Journal*, published in January by MENC: the National Association of Music Education. The article, "Capturing Your Sound: A Guide to Live Recording" provides music educators with an understanding of field recording capture techniques and the post-production procedures associated with today's digital audio tools and technologies.

Dr. Mark Gultek, assistant professor of hotel, restaurant and tourism management, wrote the article, "Restaurateurs Perceptions of Wine Supplier Attributes," which appeared in the *Journal of Foodservice Business Research*. The purpose of this study was to examine the attributes considered most important in the restaurant owners' attitudes towards their suppliers. A study of 152 licensed restaurants in Texas found that restaurant managers consider the reliability of the supplier, the knowledge they possess and the possibility of discounts to be the most important attributes.

Dr. Jean Ouédraogo, associate professor and Acting Chair of Foreign Languages and Literature, recently published a book titled, *Cinéma et Littérature du Burkina Faso. De la Singularité à l'Universalité* (2005) jointly edited by Montreal based Éditions du CIDIHCA



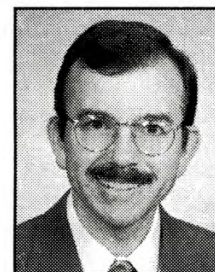
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and Ouagadougou based Éditions Sankofa & Gurli. The 328-page book contains interviews with eight filmmakers and four writers from Burkina Faso. The UUP Nuala Drescher Award made this work possible. His "Entretien avec Jean-Marc Massie" appeared in the special issue on Québec of *The French Review* (May 2005). The article-interview focuses on the re-emergence of storytelling in cosmopolitan Quebec. He also organized and moderated the panel "Le conte au Québec: Hier, aujourd'hui et demain" dealing with oral traditions in Quebec during the American Association of Teachers of French Annual Convention in July 2005 in Quebec City. One of 25 nationwide recipients of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, Ouédraogo attended a four-week (June 8-July 6) Summer Institute on African Cinema in Dakar, Senegal. In addition to the study of film theory and criticism, the Institute provided a forum for the participants to engage renowned African filmmakers and writers about their work. The grant was further supplemented by a Presidential Research Award.

Mark Richard, associate professor of history and Canadian studies, presented a paper, "This Is Not a Catholic Nation": The Ku Klux Klan Confronts French Canadians in Maine" at the biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, held at St. Louis, Mo., in November 2005.

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Jan. 27 - Wednesday, Feb. 15

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

2 p.m. Pre-Med Weekly Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

5 p.m. Newman Association Club Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

10 p.m. First Party of Spring Semester, sponsored by O.W.E.. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

8 p.m. Adirondack Wind Ensemble Concert. Tickets available at the door only. SUNY Plattsburgh Students FREE, General \$8 & all other students free. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Fast Rising Comedy Tour, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

10 a.m. SA Orientation, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room and Cardinal Lounge.

6 p.m. Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

12 p.m. Womens Studies Job Talk. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

12 p.m. Study Abroad Exam. Angell Center Meeting Rm. 3.

4:45 p.m. ESL-Listening/Speaking, sponsored by Student Support Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

10:15 p.m. SA Executive Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

8 a.m. TIAA-CREF One on One, sponsored by Human Resources. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

12 p.m. Study Abroad Exam, sponsored by Study Abroad and Exchanges. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents "Goal Setting and Time Management." Sponsored by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:45 p.m. ESL-Listening/Speaking, sponsored by Student Support Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

7:30 p.m. College Democrats Weekly Meeting, sponsored by College Democrats. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

8 p.m. CWC Weekly Meeting, sponsored by Center for Womyn's Concerns. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

9 p.m. IFC Weekly Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

9 p.m. JEDI Tryouts. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

9 p.m. S.A. Finance Bd Meeting, sponsored by SA Finance Board. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

9:30 p.m. WQKE General Staff Meeting, sponsored by WQKE. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

8 a.m. Study Abroad Exam.

Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

8 a.m. TIAA-CREF One on One, sponsored by Human Resources. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

12 p.m. Womens Studies Job Talk, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:45 p.m. ESL-Listening/Speaking, sponsored by Student Support Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

9 p.m. Akeba General Meeting, sponsored by AKEBA. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

10 p.m. S.A. Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

12 p.m. ISS Info. Desk, sponsored by International Student Services. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

12 p.m. Distinguished Canada - U.S. Address luncheon, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. \$25 per person. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

7 p.m. Asian Weekly Meeting, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

7 p.m. Marketing Club Weekly Meeting, sponsored by Marketing Association. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean General Meeting, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

8 p.m. Chinese Assoc. Weekly Meeting, sponsored by Chinese Association. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

9 p.m. S.A. Finance Bd Meeting, sponsored by SA Finance Board. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

12 p.m. Womens Studies Job Talk, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

2 p.m. Pre-Med Weekly Meeting, sponsored by Student Association. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

5 p.m. Newman Association Club Meeting, sponsored by Newman Association. Angell Center Meeting Room 8.

5 p.m. Hall Council President Meeting. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

2 p.m. KDP's Lesson Plan Fair. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Black History Month Celebration. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents "Strategies for Success." Sponsored by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

College Council Meeting Feb. 9

The next regularly scheduled College Council meeting is Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center. The meeting is open to the public. The Council will hear in-depth reports on SUNY Legislative Initiatives and Middle States Periodic Review Report.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

7 p.m. David Kaczynski, NYADP Speech. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

7:30 p.m. Adirondack Brass Concert, Free Admission. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

9 p.m. Rick Barnes: "What's

All the Fuss About..", sponsored by Fraternity/Sorority Life. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

8 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Presented by College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2. Available at the Angell College Center Desk or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Valentine's Day Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

8:30 a.m. ODK Emerging Leaders Character Institute, sponsored by Leadership Development. Angell Center

Alumni Conference Room.

2 p.m. Vagina Monologues, College Theatre Association presents Vagina Monologues. Tickets \$2 available at Angell College Center or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

4:30 p.m. Womens Basketball Alumni Reception, sponsored by Sport & Wellness. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Tickets \$2. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents "Making the Grade: How

to Prepare for Exams." Sponsored by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

Upward Bound Seeks Tutor-Counselors

The Upward Bound Program is seeking tutor-counselors for the summer, June 19 through Aug. 8. Tutor-counselors receive \$1,900 to \$2,100 (room and board provided).

Currently enrolled college students with a minimum of 36 credit hours (not including AP credits) are eligible. Responsibilities include assisting and guiding area high schools students in a six-week residential program; planning and participating in dorm programming activities; providing tutoring or teaching assistance; and daily supervision.

Applications are available at the Upward Bound Office, 010 Hawkins Hall, or the Angell College Center Information Desk. For more information, contact the Upward Bound Office at 564-2030.

Adirondack Brass Concert Feb. 8

The Music Department presents the Adirondack Brass Concert on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall.

This winter performance will feature music from a variety of styles, including pieces by Baroque and Renaissance composers as well as selections by the contemporary composer Arthur Frackenpohl.

The concert is free and open to everyone. For more information, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.

Center for the Study of Canada to Hosts Two Upcoming Events

The Center for the Study of Canada will host two upcoming events.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Honorable David H. Wilkins, United States Ambassador to Canada, will be on campus. A lunch will be offered in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center from 12 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations should be made to the center by Friday, Jan. 27.

At 2 p.m., the ambassador will give the Distinguished Canada-U.S. Address in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall. Everyone is invited to this free presentation.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the Institute on Quebec Studies will present "Celebrons Quebec." The celebration includes a lunch with Quebec cuisine in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. Reservations should be made to the center by Friday, Feb. 3.

In the afternoon, two Quebec movies will be shown in the Angell College Center. The Decline of the American Empire will be shown at 3 p.m. and The Barbarian Invasion will show at 5:15 p.m.

To make reservations or for more information on any of the above events, contact the center at 564-2385.

SUNY Plattsburgh ACC Extension Center Offers New Programs

SUNY Plattsburgh and Adirondack Community College (ACC) have added two new bachelor of science degree completion programs for students in the Glens Falls region, including Saratoga, Washington and Warren counties.

Students will now be able to complete a bachelor's degree in childhood education (grades 1 - 6) or management from SUNY Plattsburgh by taking classes in Queensbury, N.Y. These programs are in addition to the bachelor of arts degree completion programs in psychology and criminal justice already available to students through the SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Center at ACC.

"The success of the psychology and criminal justice programs through the extension center at ACC has led to the addition of these two new programs in education and business," said President John Ettling. "The partnership between SUNY Plattsburgh and Adirondack Community College continues to grow."

Beginning this past fall, about 40 students signed up for classes in the psychology or criminal justice degree programs. The SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Site at ACC also provides courses for master's degrees in education, liberal studies and a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Thomas Corigliano, the SUNY Plattsburgh Extension director in Queensbury, N.Y., said, "There has been a

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The childhood education program is intended for students who hold or will hold an associates degree in liberal arts by the time they begin classes for the bachelor's degree.

The management program is intended for students who hold or will hold an associates degree in business (an AA or AAS).

Students will be admitted to SUNY Plattsburgh at the junior-year level and attendance may be on a full- or part-time basis. All Plattsburgh State courses will be held on the campus of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury.

The programs also require participation in an extended weekend course on the SUNY Plattsburgh campus during January in the second year of the program. Upon completion of the program, students will earn a SUNY Plattsburgh bachelor's degree.



Many colleagues and friends wished Brenda Kramer, payroll manager at SUNY Plattsburgh, good luck in retirement during a recent reception in the Angell College Center. Kramer has been a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh community since 1968 when she was hired as a stenographer in Health Services. She moved to the library and became a typist in January 1969. In May 1974, she moved to Payroll as an account clerk, and she's been in Payroll ever since. Her last official day will be Wednesday, Jan. 25. "Brenda has been an important member of my staff and the college community," said John Homburger, vice president for business affairs. "We will surely miss her, and I know the campus community joins me in wishing her well as she moves into retirement."

CDPI Film Series and WRAP Session Spring Schedule

The Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion Film Series and WRAP sessions use films to examine diversity and different societal issues.

The spring semester line up includes the films:

Love Jones, Monday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Angell College Warren Ballrooms, in conjunction with Black History Month.

School Ties, Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

Far From Heaven, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

Each film is followed by a WRAP session, which is the centerpiece for the evening. The conversation is moderated, and the audience is encouraged to express what they feel about the movie through critiques and comments.

"The purpose of this film series is broad," said J.W. Wiley, the center's director. "The lessons to be learned are many, as this is nothing if not an educational enterprise for all involved. The deconstruction, analysis, social implications, psychological ramifications and philosophical underpinnings surrounding these films should be quite interesting, if not rewarding

to all who attend."

Faculty will have access to how their colleagues from different disciplines and pedagogy engage material. Students will be made privy to some of the nuances and subtleties of film making and storytelling that they may not have noticed. Staff and community members may provide a fresh, non-academic interpretation or perspective on the film.

"Everyone will have an opportunity to be introduced to a plethora of perspectives that always abound in a community, but usually are not shared," said Wiley.

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U.S. Ambassador to Canada Visits Campus

The Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh recently presented its Distinguished Canada-U.S. Address featuring the Honorable David H. Wilkins, the United States Ambassador to Canada on Thursday, Feb. 2.

His address was titled, "The Ties That Bind Us: The United States-Canada Relationship."

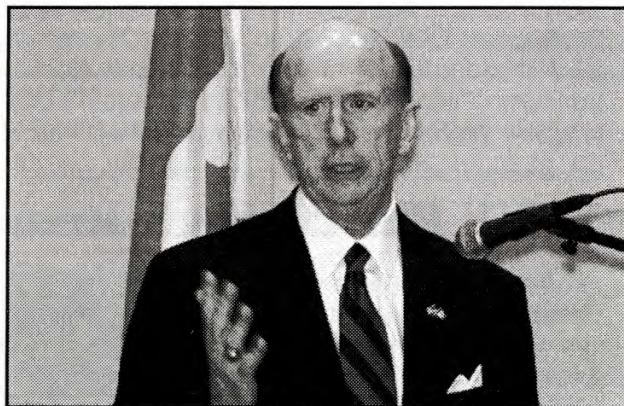
During his speech, Wilkins spoke about the legislation, scheduled to go into effect in December 2007, that will require U.S. citizens to hold passports for entry into Canada. He also talked about the importance of the relationship between the two countries and his role and responsibilities as the U.S. Ambassador.

Wilkins was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the United States Ambassador to Canada on April 27, 2005, and was confirmed unanimously by the

United States Senate on May 26, 2005. He presented his credentials to the Governor General on June 29, 2005, to become the 21st United States Ambassador to Canada.

While on campus, Wilkins met with President John Ettling and Vice Presidents John Homburger, Dr. Robert Golden, William Laundry and Dr. Thomas Moran along with Associate Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs Dr. Patricia Higgins and Dr. Susan Spissinger.

The Ambassador was the guest of honor at a luncheon co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada and the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.



The Honorable David H. Wilkins is the guest of honor for the Distinguished Canada-U.S. Address.

More than 100 business leaders from the North Country were in attendance.

Following his afternoon address and reception, Wilkins then toured the Bombardier facility in Plattsburgh.

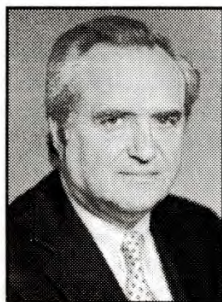
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Two Honorary Doctorate Degrees to be Awarded in May

The State University of New York College at Plattsburgh will confer two honorary degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

Ronald B. Stafford will be posthumously awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the State University of New York for his unwavering support of SUNY and SUNY Plattsburgh during his long tenure as New York State Senator. His wife, Kay Stafford, will accept this honor on her late husband's behalf.

Dr. John A. Grant III '82, a geologist with the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution and a participating scientist with NASA for the Mars Exploration Rover



Stafford



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Mission, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from SUNY.

Senator Stafford retired in January 2003 at the end of his 37 years in the New York State Senate. He passed away in June 2005.

"Senator Stafford left a legacy of accomplishments in public service that few, if any, New York State senators have ever exceeded," said President John Ettling. "It is highly appropriate

that this incomparably significant North Country public servant, Plattsburgh's own beloved Senator Stafford, be given this honor."

(See Honorary Degrees, Page 4)

Search Moves Forward for Vice President of Institutional Advancement

The search for SUNY Plattsburgh's next vice president of Institutional Advancement has begun.

The search committee co-chairs are Dr. David Mowry, director of the Honors Program and SUNY distinguished teaching professor of philosophy, and Trent Trahan '70, owner of Champlain Telephone and president of the Plattsburgh College Foundation. The committee members include: Bruce Delventhal, athletic director; Dr. Christopher Kirkey, director of the Center for the Study of Canada; Arnold Amell '53, vice-chair of the College Council; Dr. Nancy Church, SUNY distinguished service professor of marketing and entrepreneurship; Dr. Michele Carpentier '77 G'87, director of Student Support Services; Natalie Peck, prospect researcher in Institutional Advancement; Bob Grady '72, managing editor of the Plattsburgh Press-Republican; Cerise Oberman, dean of Library and Information Services; Dr. Lois Beach, associate professor of adolescence/health education; Dr. Dexter Criss, associate professor of chemistry; Douglas Sloan '91, presi-

dent of the Plattsburgh Alumni Association; Brian Ensel, Student Association representative; Kathy MaGaw '72, community member representative.

"I think it's a very strong search committee," said Mowry. "Both Trent and I look forward to working with the committee to identify and recruit a strong applicant pool."

A.T. Kearney, an executive search firm, has been retained and will work closely with the committee to develop advertising materials, identify a strong applicant pool and assist in reviewing and vetting applicants. A.T. Kearney has previously assisted SUNY Plattsburgh in two other searches.

The committee will keep the campus community informed as the search progresses and the faculty and staff will be actively involved during the on-campus interviews of the candidates. The committee hopes to conclude its work toward the end of the spring semester or shortly thereafter to have the new vice president in place by the fall 2006 semester.

SUNY Plattsburgh Remembers Dr. Ernest Rangazas

Dr. Ernest Rangazas, professor emeritus and former chair of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at SUNY Plattsburgh, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, in Florida.

Rangazas served as director of athletics and coached baseball and football during his 27-year career at SUNY Plattsburgh.

He was also credited with bringing the World University Games of the International Sports



Rangazas

Federation (FISU) and the United States Olympic team to campus and the North Country in 1972 and 1976, respectively.

Inducted into the Plattsburgh State Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, Rangazas was involved in bringing to campus President Gerald Ford when the college served as a staging area for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

He is survived by two grown children, Lisa Adkins of Virginia and Peter of Indiana, and four grandchildren. His wife, Nerina, passed away in November of 1985.

The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 in Nashua, N.H.

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Wilkins has made it his top priority to meet with, listen to and learn from Canadians. In a little more than six months at post, he has logged more than 65,000 miles traveling across Canada from coast to coast.

His travels have taken him as far north as Nunavut, as far west as Vancouver, as far east as Prince Edward Island, and all points in between. The Ambassador considers his highest priority is to strengthen the ties that bind the United States with Canada.

Since his arrival to Canada, Wilkins has welcomed a number of high-profile visitors to Canada, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Treasury Secretary John Snow and a number of U.S. Senators including Hillary Clinton and John McCain.

Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He quickly rose through the ranks in the House of Representatives, serving six years as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a position he held for 11 years.

He was the first Republican-elected speaker of any legislative body in the South since Reconstruction and retired as one of the longest serving speakers in the country.

Throughout his distinguished career, Wilkins has received numerous awards, including the 2004 Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

He has been named Outstanding Legislator of the Year by a wide range of organizations and was also named the National Republican Legislator of the Year.

A strong supporter of President George W. Bush, Wilkins served as state chairman of the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign and as co-chair of the campaign in 2000. He was appointed by the President to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2002.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Wilkins graduated from Greenville High School and received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. After serving in the Army, he returned to Greenville where he practiced law for more than 30 years.

Michael Simpson Named Associate Director of Sponsored Research

Michael Simpson has been named the new associate director of sponsored research and programs at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Joining the campus community on January 31, Simpson's main responsibilities include securing grants from external sources for faculty and other institutional entities.

"The work I do will help faculty to achieve their professional goals, which in turn enriches the lives of our students and strengthens the institution as a whole," said Simpson. "My immediate goal is to meet as many faculty members as possible and to get a feel for the needs, in terms of grant funding, that are out there."

Simpson comes to Plattsburgh from SUNY Canton where he served as grants coordinator for two years. While at Canton, he authored a successful one million dollar grant as part of a biogas cogeneration project. He also managed numerous federal, state and private foundation grants for the institution.

Prior to Canton, Simpson was a grant administrator for Education and Training Connection in Midland, Mich., where he wrote adult education grants totaling more than \$1.6 million and helped raise \$2.25 million towards building expansion.

"We're delighted to have him on board," said Dr. Susan Spissinger, associate vice president of academic affairs and research. "He is very competent and capable. During his stay



Simpson

at Canton, he helped increase sponsored research grant revenues by 29 percent. Mike's focus at Plattsburgh will be primarily pre-award activities – identifying sponsors, working on proposal development and submission. He will meet with faculty to find out their interests and then seek and secure external support for research, education or public services ideas and programs."

Simpson said that he is excited about working closely with the faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I'm anxious to hear what people's ideas, dreams and needs are," said Simpson, who grew up in Rochester, N.Y. "This is a step up from Canton. Faculty are much more engaged in research, and there's a lot of growth potential here. Plattsburgh is better off than most SUNY schools in terms of support for the faculty. This campus has an energy to it."

Simpson moved here with his wife, Stefani. When not searching out grants, Simpson takes to the skies since receiving his pilot's license last year.

"My family is originally from the North Country," said Simpson. "I like being closer to the mountains. This is a beautiful area. I have also found the campus very upbeat and positive. It is a friendly place to work."

Faculty members are encouraged to introduce themselves to Simpson. His office is located in 815 Kehoe and his office telephone number is 564-2155.

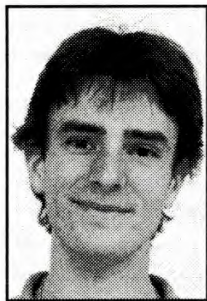
Acadia University Student on Campus as Killam Fellow

Acadia University biology major Nathan Corbett has made himself home at SUNY Plattsburgh. Corbett was selected to receive a prestigious Killam Fellowship Award to study at SUNY Plattsburgh for the 2005-2006 academic year.

"For me, receiving a Killam Fellowship has been a wonderful opportunity for growth in every aspect of my life," said Corbett.

Corbett has received a number of prestigious awards for academic excellence in the sciences and has also endeavored to round out his education through the exploration of a wide variety of subjects including literature and politics.

With a keen interest in Canada-U.S. relations, Corbett saw the Killam Fellowships Program as an opportunity to immerse himself in a new social and political culture. With plans to eventually enter into a career in medicine or medical research, Corbett was



Corbett

also interested in learning more about the health care system in the United States.

"Nathan is an outstanding exemplar of the Killam Fellowships Program," said Dr. David Mowry, director of the Honors Program. "He is a highly capable young man who is making the most of his time with us. Nathan is participating in our

Honors Program and is taking advantage of many opportunities both on and off campus. We are delighted to have Nathan with us and look forward to hosting many more Killam Fellows in the future."

The 2005-2006 academic year is the third year of the Killam Fellowships Program, which was created through a partnership between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States and the American Killam Trusts.

"Nathan is truly an exceptional young man," said Dr. Michael K. Hawes, executive director of the

Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States.

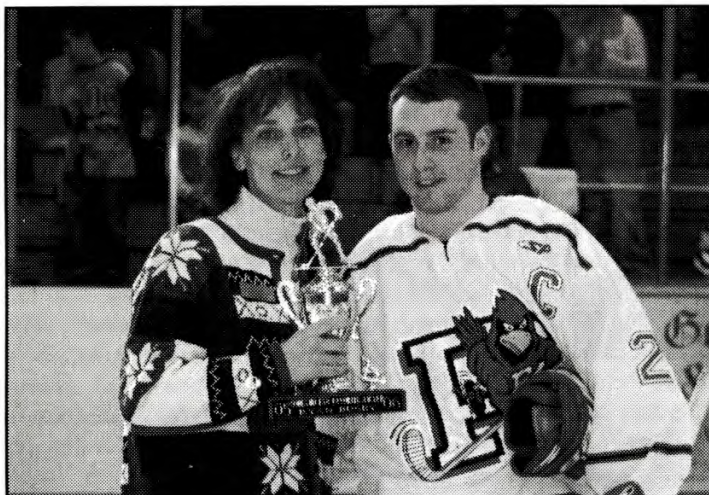
The program provides exceptional students from select universities in Canada and the United States with the opportunity to attend university in the other country for one semester or one year of their undergraduate career.

Two SUNY Plattsburgh students are currently studying at universities in Canada as part of the Killam Fellowships Program. Janine Gauthier is attending the University of Ottawa, and Robert Abel is studying at the University of Toronto.

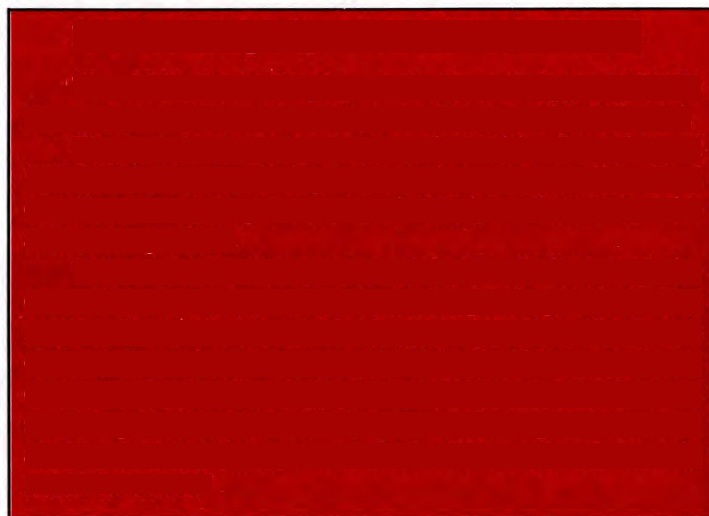
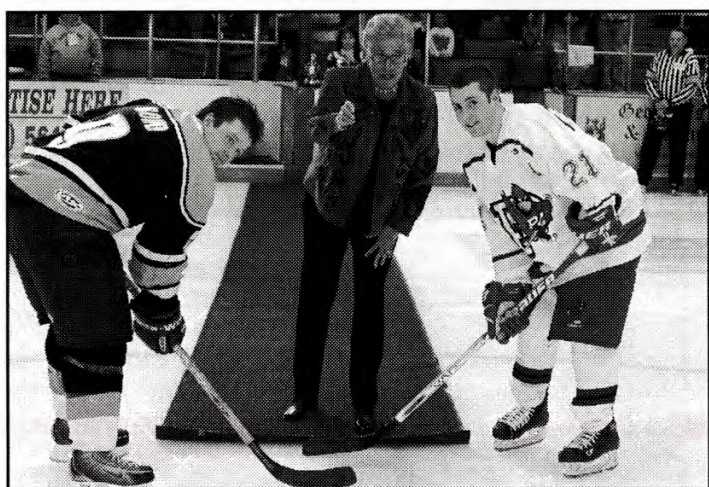
The goal of the program is to increase mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through direct, personal involvement.

"It's very hard to begin to understand another people without actually seeing where and how they live.

"Thanks to my time in Plattsburgh and the traveling that I've managed to squeeze in, I now have a much deeper understanding of the American people than I did a year ago," said Corbett.



It was Campus Dining Services Night at the Field House on Saturday, Jan. 28 for the men's ice hockey final home game of the regular season at the Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena. Cardinal hockey fans have spoken and voted Ryan Busby this year's Fan Favorite. Busby was presented the Sodexho Fan Favorite Award by Patti Rauch, Campus Dining Services catering manager (left, top). As part of Campus Dining Services Night, the first 400 fans received a gift and drawings for prizes were held throughout the evening. Representing Sodexho and dropping the ceremonial puck was Penny Kendall, the greeter at Clinton Dining Hall (left, below). She knows many of the students by name and received a prestigious award in 2004 from the Student Association for outstanding service to the students at SUNY Plattsburgh. The Cardinals hosted SUNY Geneseo, who won the game 5 - 2.



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With Senator Stafford's leadership, state funds were awarded to his district, especially benefiting local schools, hospitals, correctional facilities, public works projects and economic growth.

Most fittingly, the ice arena at SUNY Plattsburgh's Field House, the technology building at Clinton Community College, the Plattsburgh City School District's Middle School and a wing of the Alice Hyde Health Care Facility in Malone are all named in his honor.

Senator Stafford graduated from Plattsburgh High School in 1953. St. Lawrence University in 1957. From 1958 to 1960, he served as an army officer in military intelligence. In 1962, Senator Stafford graduated from Columbia University School of Law.

In 1963, he was admitted to the New York State Bar and the United States District Court for Northern New York, practicing law in Plattsburgh.

Working his way up through the ranks since his election to the Senate

in 1965, Senator Stafford became one of the most influential and respected senators in Albany. Upon his retirement from politics in 2003, Governor George Pataki appointed Senator Stafford a member of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Grant earned his bachelor's degree magna cum laude in geology at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1982. He then pursued graduate study in geology receiving a NASA scholarship to study planetary geology at Brown University, where he received his doctorate in 1990.

He has been serving as the Mars Landing Site science coordinator and Landing Site Steering Committee co-chairperson since 2000. Grant has been in the driver's seat, literally, of the Mars rover explorations. Based either at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., or in his Washington, D.C. office at NASA, Grant sits at the console that transmits maneuvering and data-retrieving-instrument instructions to the "Spirit" and "Opportunity" rovers that landed

on Mars in early 2004.

Grant is the author of dozens of published articles on aspects of the Martian landscape and mineralogy as well as techniques to explore and learn about its features. He has spoken extensively to experts within his field and to the general public about his findings.

In February, 2005, Grant came to campus as a Distinguished Visiting Alumnus. While here, he participated in six courses as a guest lecturer and gave a public presentation, "My Other Cars are on Mars: Driving the Mars Exploration Rovers." He shared his career choices with, and inspired, current SUNY Plattsburgh students.

"It is with great pride in his achievements, beginning with his studies at SUNY Plattsburgh, and with absolute confidence that he is among SUNY's most productive, accomplished and distinguished alumni, that we honor Dr. John Grant with a SUNY Doctoral Degree in Science *Honoris Causa*," said Ettling.

Dr. Stephen Light Attends FES Workshop in Hawaii

Dr. Stephen Light, associate dean of arts and science and professor of sociology and criminal justice, spent part of his winter break in Honolulu, Hawaii.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Consortium for Education Excellence Through Partnerships, the school-college partnership arm of the Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES), Light was one of more than a dozen education leaders from across the country to talk with Hawaiian students about how to prepare for and succeed in college.

"I had the chance to meet with school children in Hawaii at each level, elementary, middle and high school," said Light. "It was an opportunity to spread the message of FES that college is for you, and you can do it."

The group visited 11 Hawaiian public schools as part of the Century Program of FES, which promotes student achievement in high-need communities.



Light addresses students in an Hawaiian classroom as part of the FES visit.

The three-day program and visits to the local schools gave students a close-up look at what going to college would be like. Students filled out mock college applications and participated in question-and-answer periods.

"The reaction from the children was very interesting," said Light. "At first, they were a bit skeptical. As we talked, the children asked good questions and were very interested in what we had to say. For some of them, this was the first time they've thought of college. It was a very successful trip."

The FES group who traveled to Hawaii included members from Cornell University, Skidmore College, Occidental College, University of Rochester, Washington and Lee University, University of Vermont, American International College and SUNY Plattsburgh.

The group also included teachers and administrators from Northeastern high schools, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

Spotlight on faculty and staff

Kathleen Lacey Angelosanto, secretary in the office of the dean of Education, Health and Human Services, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Greater Plattsburgh Interfaith Hospitality Network. This network is committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence by providing safe shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families and through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness.

David Hensarling, tourism specialist in the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Department in the School of Business and Economics, recently had a case study, "Hotel Recruitment in a Rural Environment," published in *Cases in Hospitality Management and Tourism*, by Pearson, Prentice Hall. The case was co-authored by William Ferguson and was based on a project funded through the Technical Assistance Center by Lakes

to Locks Passage. The purpose of the study was to determine how to attract a lodging facility to a rural setting with tourism potential.

Jay Petrillo, director of Field Experience, Performance and Professional Development in Education, Health and Human Services, co-presented a paper, "Discrepancies Between Self-Esteem and Self-Efficacy: A New View of Cultivating Teacher Candidates' Dispositions," at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Conference, "Creating New Visions for Teacher Education," held in San Diego, Calif., Jan. 29 - Feb. 1.



University Police Chief Arlene Sabo congratulates Eric Zielinski, the newest University Police Officer, following his recent swearing in ceremony. Interim Vice President for Student Affairs William Laundry conducted the ceremony. Zielinski is currently at the Basic Police Academy, a mandatory training program for police officers. He comes to the University Police force from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. He earned an associates degree in criminal justice from Clinton Community College.



Angelosanto



Hensarling



Petrillo

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Feb. 10 - Monday, Feb. 27

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

8 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Presented by College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2. Available at the Angell College Center Desk or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

11 a.m. Phi Mu Delta Table. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Valentine's Day Fundraiser, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Sigma Lambda Upsilon Recruitment Table. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Table, sponsored by Pi Alpha Nu. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Video Valentines, sponsored by National Broadcasting Society. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Valentine's Day Pictures & Cards, sponsored by Omega Phi Beta Sorority. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Alpha Epsilon Phi Valentine Fundraiser. Angell College Center Lobby.

4:30 p.m. Japanese Talk, sponsored by International Student Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

5 p.m. Newman Association Club Meeting, sponsored by Newman Association. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

8 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Presented by College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2. Available at the Angell College Center Desk or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Valentine's Day Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

8:30 a.m. ODK Emerging Leaders Character Institute, sponsored by Leadership Development. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

2 p.m. Vagina Monologues, College Theatre Association presents Vagina Monologues. Tickets \$2 available at Angell College Center or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

4:30 p.m. Women's Basketball Alumni Reception, sponsored by Sport & Wellness. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Tickets \$2. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

11 a.m. Valentines Day Fundraiser, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Phi Mu Delta Table. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. SOUL Recruitment Table. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Video Valentines, sponsored by National Broadcasting Society. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Valentines Day Pictures & Cards, sponsored by Omega Phi Beta Sorority. Angell Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Alpha Epsilon Phi Valentine Fundraiser. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Carnation Table, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon. Angell College Center Lobby.

11 a.m. Annual Service Corps Recruitment Tabling, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Lobby.

12 p.m. ESL106- Advanced Conversation, sponsored by Student Support Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

2 p.m. History Assoc. Writing Program, sponsored by History Club. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

10:15 p.m. SA Executive Meeting. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents "Making the Grade: How to Prepare for Exams." Sponsored by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:30 p.m. Student Support Services Award Ceremony. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

5 p.m. Scholastic Awards & Honor Society Inductions, sponsored by Fraternity/Sorority Life. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

10 p.m. S.A. Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

11 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

12 p.m. Book Signing featuring Deborah Ribis, RN, CNLPN, author of *Get Back on Your Feet: What Every Injured and Ill Person Needs to Know*. Free and open to all. Book Nook, College Store.

12 p.m. S.A. Organization Affairs Board Meeting. Angell Center Meeting Room 7.

7 p.m. Jeopardy-Black History Month, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

9 p.m. S.A. Finance Bd Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

4:30 p.m. Japanese Talk, sponsored by International Student Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

5 p.m. Newman Association Club Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting. Angell College

Web Announcements

Emergency/Weather Notification

Notifications of an emergency on campus or class cancellations due to extreme weather conditions will now be placed on the SUNY Plattsburgh homepage at www.plattsburgh.edu. Students and faculty/staff may also get updates on weather cancellations or emergency status by calling 564-CLAS (2527) or 564-SNOW (7669)

Spring Commencement Information

Information concerning Spring Commencement at SUNY Plattsburgh is now posted on the Web at <http://www.plattsburgh.edu/studentlife/commencement/spring/>

Center Alumni Conference Room.

8 p.m. African Unity Karoke Night. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

8 p.m. Black History Program, sponsored by African Unity Organization. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Recreation Night in Memorial, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Memorial Hall Gymnasium.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

3 p.m. Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Series, sponsored by Fraternity/Sorority Life. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

7 p.m. The Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion presents its Film Series and WRAP session featuring "Love Jones." in conjunction with Black History Month. Free and open to all. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents "Research, Writing and Citing." Sponsored by the Claude J. Clarke Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

7 p.m. Showing of the movie, "Enough," with Jennifer Lopez, sponsored by Theta Alpha Lambda. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

7 p.m. Panel Discussion, sponsored by FUERZA. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

10 p.m. S.A. Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

4:30 p.m. Asian Workshop, sponsored by Asian Studies. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Annual Alternative Breaks Service Auction, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

8 p.m. Black History Month Event, sponsored by AKEBA.

Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

10 p.m. SPACE, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

3 p.m. Music Faculty Concert by Louise Dionne, piano. Free admission. Hawkins Hall, Krinovitz Recital Hall.

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7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Valgerdur Hauksdottir, Printmaker. Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. World Week Event, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

9:30 p.m. Black History Month Performance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

Tickets for URinEtown Now on Sale

Tickets for the Music and Theatre departments' presentation of the play, *URinEtown*, are now on sale. The all-campus musical production will be performed in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building, **Thursday - Saturday, March 2 - 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$12 for faculty, staff, seniors and non-Plattsburgh State students; and \$5 for SUNY Plattsburgh students. Reserve your tickets now at the Hartman Box Office, which is open Tuesdays - Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 564-2180.

Students Selected for *Who's Who*

Thirty-four students from SUNY Plattsburgh have been selected for the 2005-06 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, a distinguished biographical volume that honors the nation's most noteworthy students.

Students are selected based on a number of qualities including academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These 34 students join students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several other countries who have also been selected for *Who's Who*.

The students listed in the 2005-06 edition of *Who's Who* are:

Alyssa Amyotte	Gena Rosenbaum	Lisa Prian
Amanda Benard	Ian Finisterre	Marliese Engel
Amanda Rock	Janice Bonsu	Matthew Bleiberg
Amanda Patten	Jared Reinstein	Meghan Reilly
Andrew Groff	Jennifer Glaude	Melissa Yorke
Ashley Balcum	Jenny Hutchinson	Michael Pitaro
Brett Gilmour	Katherine Morris	Oksana Poltavets
Brian Mockry	Kathleen Uttberg	Orin Swanston
Brian Hatch	Kimberly Davis Kleist	R. Scott Birge, Jr.
Caitlyn Bergeron	Krista Wind	Sarina Cooper
Felecia Edwards	Lisa Besserman	Seon Davis

Chips with Your Salsa?

Flynn Center to Host Dr. Rick Davies CD Release Party Feb. 17

The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vt., will be swinging in high gear on Friday, Feb. 17, when Dr. Rick Davies, associate professor of music, throws a release party for his latest CD.

The CD, *Siempre Salsa*, is an upbeat collection of original salsa and Latin jazz music. This is the second CD under his own name.

However Davies has appeared on more than 100 recordings with such bands as Wayne Gorbea's Salsa Picante.

The release party, co-sponsored by Seven Days, will feature a concert by Davies' Latin jazz sextet, Jazzismo, as well as special guests David Grippo, on the saxophone; Alejandro Torrens and Abigail Sperry, from the salsa/meringue band, Sabor; and members of the University of Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

"It's going to be good," said Davies. "The Flynn is the premier performing arts center in the area, and it's a good showcase."

Davies was awarded a SUNY Plattsburgh Presidential Research Award in 2004 to work on the CD. Presidential Research Awards support faculty who wish to design projects and programs that will enhance their growth as scholars.

"These awards allow the faculty to do what we love to do," said Davies. "I was thinking about doing this CD for awhile, and the Presidential Research Award put that into high gear. The award allows you to be more ambitious and to work on a project with a greater scope."

Davies, an accomplished trombonist and composer, remains very active as a performer. In the past few years, he



Davies

has traveled and played in Australia, England, Hungary and Tokyo, to name a few. Originally from Albuquerque, N.M., Davies moved to New York City in the 1970s before joining the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty in 2000. He received his doctorate from New York University, his master's from Lehman College (CUNY) and his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico.

In May 2003, his book, *Trompeta: Chappottin, Chocolate, and the Afro-Cuban Trumpet Tradition*, was released by Scarecrow Press. Davies also contributed a chapter on Cuban trumpeter Alfredo "Chocolate" Armenteros for the book, *Music From Cuba*, edited by Charley Gerard and released in May 2001 by Praeger Press.

Davies is at the forefront of the salsa dura movement and has performed with scores of Latin groups and artists, including Manny Oquendo and Libre, Johnny Colon, Tito Puente and Arturo O'Farrill.

"Salsa dura literally means 'hard' salsa. It is the more traditional salsa music, going back to old school salsa," said Davies. "In the late '90s, there was a resurgence of salsa dura music, led by Wayne Gorbea. And since I was his musical director, I did a lot of song writing in the salsa dura style. It's more swingy, harder."

Davies is looking forward to the CD release party at the Flynn Center in the Flynn Space, which begins at 8 p.m., with tickets \$16 for adults and \$12 for students.

"This is a great opportunity to see local musicians playing Latin music," said Davies. "The concert is a nice way to present the CD at a live event. My mandate: to bring more Latin music to the North Country."

For more information on the Feb. 17 concert, visit the Flynn Center's Website at http://www.flynncenter.org/show_pages/FSJ6S.aspx

"The British are Coming" Exhibition Opens Feb. 11

What happened to British cultural attitudes, particularly in the visual arts during the 1960s - 70s? Where did the revolution come from in the explorations of the 1950s? David Powell, graphic arts professor in the Art Department at SUNY Plattsburgh and guest curator of the exhibition, "The British are Coming," explores the art work and aesthetic thinking of this time, looking for ideas and images that will answer these questions.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, Feb. 11 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Burke Gallery. Powell will give a curator's guest lecture at 3 p.m. in Yokum 200.

Drawing his material mainly from the permanent art collection at Plattsburgh State, including a group of prints donated by the Ackerman

Foundation in 1981 and his art history knowledge from his extensive study of the period, Powell has created an exhibition that gives us an exciting visual experience along with a careful analysis of the cultural questions of the time. Peter Blake, Richard Hamilton, David Hockney, R.B. Kitaj, Tom Phillips and Joe Tilson are just some of the artists included in this exhibition.

Speaking of the artists, Powell said, "The willingness of this generation of British artists to explore new territory and mine all aspects of contemporary



existence for their subject matter reflects a profound change in British art, which prior to their revolutionary theory and work had reflected the elitist and stultified taste of the gentry.

"The freedom from cultural and class distinctions that the work of these artists represents make them significant players in the art history of the second half of the 20th century, paving the way for both a Pop and a postmodern sensibility."

The exhibition will be on display at the Burke Gallery through April 9.

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Bauer-Wu Receives Distinguished Alumna Award

Susan Bauer-Wu, a 1983 graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh's nursing program and a nurse-scientist, will be honored by the Plattsburgh Alumni Association with the Distinguished Alumna Award during the spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

Bauer-Wu turned her interest in oncology and psychiatry into a highly decorated career of hands-on patient care, research and teaching.

"When I was a nursing student, I was naturally drawn to both oncology and mental health/psychiatry," Bauer-Wu said from Boston, Mass., where she is an instructor of medicine at Harvard University School of Medicine and researcher with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "My career path has been consistent and closely followed my initial inclination to work in and combine these clinical specialties."



Bauer-Wu

Receiving the Oncology Nursing Society's Mara Mogensen Flaherty Memorial Lectureship Award, presented to healthcare professionals who provide sustained contributions in the field of psychosocial oncology, is only the most recent of Bauer-Wu's long career, which began after graduation on a medical oncology unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire where she spent two years before moving over to the inpatient psychiatric unit at the same facility.

Oncology nursing care was primarily done in the hospital at that time. Bauer-Wu wanted to be involved throughout the continuum of care and also help to create programs that fostered good quality of life for individuals affected by cancer, she said. That vision fostered the creation of a new position in the oncology clinic at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

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Seven Faculty Members Receive Drescher Leave Awards

Seven faculty members at SUNY Plattsburgh have received Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Awards for the spring semester.

The recipients are Dr. Elizabeth Bernat, assistant professor of communication; Tracie Church Guzzio, assistant professor of English; Sandra Rezac, assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice; Dr. Lori Walters-Kramer, assistant professor of communication; Dr. Margaretha Wilcke, assistant professor of social work; Dr. Meiyin Wu, assistant professor of earth and environmental science; and Dr. Linda Young, assistant professor of English.

The Drescher Leave Program enhances employment opportunities for minorities, women, employees with disabilities and Vietnam-era veterans who are preparing for permanent or continuing appointment.

The program is sponsored by the State of New York/United University Professions (UUP) Joint Labor-Management Committees and administered by the State of New York/UUP Affirmative Action Diversity Committee, which seeks to promote a broad diversity of Drescher Award recipients.

Bernat will focus her Drescher Affirmative Action Leave on collecting and analyzing data on people who experience sudden and unanticipated social support at the time their families experience dramatic emotional distress of premature births. The purpose of her project is to complete her manuscript preparation and submit it for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Guzzio will complete and structurally revise her book manuscript on the African-American writer, John Edgar Wideman. She will also conduct

some research in New York City on 18th century slave narratives to incorporate into her manuscript.

During her leave, Rezac will continue her work on a sibling violence project and present her findings at a conference. She will also review and revise two existing manuscripts pertaining to marital violence for submittal to refereed journals.

Walters-Kramer will re-examine and update manuscripts that she has previously presented at conferences in order to submit the revised manuscripts to various peer-review journals. Her work is connected to her interest in feminist rhetoric and discourses of and about female bodies.

Wilcke's research project will give a human face to the work that social workers do around the world. She will

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Student Association President Michael Cashman (above, middle) was a special guest of the Plattsburgh College Foundation's phonathon program. Cashman told the students who call alumni for financial support that their work is making a difference for students at SUNY Plattsburgh. Cashman himself called alumni to ask for a gift to the foundation. The 2005-06 phonathon campaign is going well and has raised more than \$155,000 in pledges since September 2005.

New Campaign Touts Crosswalk Safety

Remember what your mother told you, "Look both ways before crossing." That message is just as important now as it was years ago. A few simple reminders have been highlighted in the Safety Line Bulletin put together by the Campus Safety Committee.

- Pedestrians should make eye contact with motorists before stepping out into the roadway, even in a crosswalk.
- Be aware of possible distractions that may increase your chance of an accident. Using cell phones and MP3 players, even talking with friends, could distract you and eliminate your reaction time. Focus on traffic as you approach the street and crosswalk.
- When there is no traffic control signal, drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Anyone crossing in an area with no crosswalk, sign or signal must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

Last fall, two students were struck by vehicles on campus. In each situation, the student was ticketed for stepping out into the path of the oncoming vehicle.

Though it is the law, you cannot always assume that a car will stop for you because you are in a crosswalk. It is your responsibility to determine if the car is slowing down enough to stop. Do not suddenly leave a curb or sidewalk and walk into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield.

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In the years that followed, Bauer-Wu earned her master's in nursing as an adult-health/oncology clinical nurse specialist and her doctorate in psychoneuroimmunology and psychometrics in oncology.

Bauer-Wu's current research studies involve investigating psycho-behavioral interventions aimed to reduce psychological distress, improve physical symptoms like pain or nausea and minimize negative effects of stress.

"Until cancer ceases to exist, we must remain attentive

College Council Update

The College Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 9, and the Cardinal Men's Soccer Team was recognized for its outstanding season that reached to the final four of the NCAA Division III championship. Head Coach Chris Waterbury and SUNY Plattsburgh senior midfielder Jason Sousa were each honored with framed resolutions. Sousa was named a first-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and capped his brilliant four-year collegiate career by winning the Huntley Parker Award as the SUNYAC Men's Player of the Year.

The council also heard special reports by Bruce Delventhal, the director of athletics; Fathima Muzleena Muzamil, a Presidential Scholarship recipient from Sri Lanka; Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president, who reported on SUNY legislative initiatives; and Dr. Robert Golden, vice president for academic affairs and provost, who spoke about the Middle States Periodic Review Report process.

The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27.



The Book Nook in the College Store recently hosted a book signing by Deborah Ribis, RN, CNLNP. In her role as a a Nationally Certified Nurse Life Care Planner, Ribis has assessed the injured or ill individual as a whole, interpreted information received from the multi-disciplinary healthcare team, legal team, case management and insurance carrier and completed a Life Care Plan, which is used to identify and project lifetime medical, vocational and personal care needs and costs for the individual. The Book Nook will host Pauline Houle on Tuesday, March 21, who will be presenting and signing her book, *My Beauty, My Beast: Mind, Body and PMS*.

to the human needs of those affected by it. Research in this area deserves attention, just like research for a cure," Bauer-Wu said.

The Distinguished Alumna Award honors alumna who have exemplified the Plattsburgh State foundation of excellence and who have brought credit to the College by their personal accomplishments, professional achievement or humanitarian service. Bauer-Wu was selected for the award by the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Fulbright Scholar Researches the Decline in Youth Voting

In September 2004, the State University of New York (SUNY) and the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program announced the establishment of a visiting chair in Canadian Studies, which would be based at the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh.

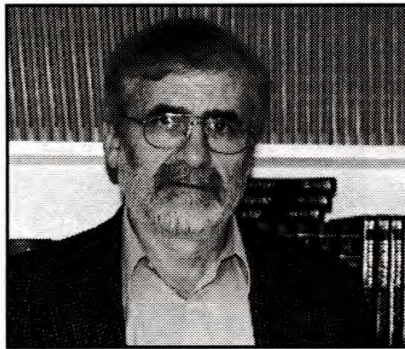
Dr. Henry Milner started his tenure as the first visiting Fulbright chair last November and will be on campus until May.

Milner is a professor of political science at Vanier College in St. Laurent, Canada, an adjunct professor at Université Laval and a research fellow at the Institute for Research in Public Policy in Montreal. He has also worked at universities in Sweden, Finland, Australia and New Zealand.

Milner is taking this opportunity to continue his research on the decline of political participation among young people.

"I've done quite a bit of research on the voting trends of youths in Canada and Europe, and I want to bring the United States into this comparative analysis," said Milner. "The main opportunity is to advance my research and this is a nice place to do that."

"My goal is to write a paper on my findings and present



Milner

it at a conference," said Milner. "I want to look at what we can learn from the experiences of Canada and the U.S. in terms of the voting decline among young people."

His comparison of political participation in Canada and the U.S. with those in Europe will explore the institutional framework for the electoral system and the complementary rules and regulations concerning media access, party financing, information dissemination and fixed election dates.

In addition to working on his research, Milner will also guest lecture in several courses in Canadian studies and honors seminars. He will give a public lecture on Tuesday, April 11. (An announcement will be included in a future issue of *Focus*.)

As part of the SUNY program, Milner has also traveled to SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Albany to present a guest lecture at those institutions.

Milner is the author of several books, including *Civic Literacy: How Informed Citizens Make Democracy Work* (University Press of New England, 2002) and *Social Democracy and Rational Choice* (Routledge, 1994) and is the co-publisher of *Inroads*, the Canadian journal of opinion and policy.

Student Affairs Honors Vision Award Recipients

Three students, two staff members and two student organizations were recently honored with Vision Awards by the Division of Student Affairs.

Created last spring by William Laundry, interim vice president for Student Affairs, the Vision Awards Program recognizes individuals and campus organizations for assisting the division in reaching its mission by exemplifying one or more of its core values. Nominees for the award could be an individual (faculty, staff, student or community member), group (club, organization, society or athletic team) or office from either within or outside the division.

Seven awards were given this spring.

Graduate Assistant **Jatha Miner**, who operates a satellite academic advising office in Whiteface Hall, was given the Excellence Vision Award. She provides academic advising services to the 230 first-year students living in the residence hall. Miner also serves as a resource to faculty mentors working within WISE and assists in developing a program to focus study groups on courses that traditionally prove difficult to first-year students.

Mike Pitaro was awarded the Communication Vision Award. Pitaro has served as the residence director during the renovation process of Macdonough Hall that spanned two academic years. He was placed in Macdonough because of his talent and personal qualities and became a true advocate for his residents by staying in constant communication with both the residence life office, as well as the DASNY supervisor.

Mary Sexton received the Challenge Vision Award for her role as a residence hall director. With her personal integrity and the expectations she holds for the students,

Sexton exudes confidence and creates a comfortable setting where students appreciate her time and concern. She doesn't ignore difficult issues and deliberately challenges her staff and residents to do the right thing and strive for excellence.

Cordelia Drake was given the Caring Vision Award for her work as a counselor for Student Support Services. She advises nearly 100 students as both a primary and a secondary advisor. As a thorough and thoughtful advisor, she is willing to go the extra distance and exemplifies caring for the student.

Aruna Gandhi, assistant director of Student Support Services, was honored with the Challenge Vision Award. She has perfected one of the most copied extended time testing processes in the SUNY system. Gandhi expects excellence from her students and provides excellent service in return.

The Cardinal Men's Soccer Team received the Challenge Vision Award. The team met and then exceeded expectations and challenges for the 2005 season. The team advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in team history, where they lost to Messiah College, the eventual Division III champions. The Cardinals set program records for season victories (22-2) and consecutive wins (16).

The Inter Sorority Association, in honor of a Week to GIVE (Greeks Interacting and Volunteering Everyday), coordinated the Senior Citizen's Prom (Senior Prom) at Meadowbrook Healthcare Facility in November 2005. The association was honored with the Community Vision Award. Volunteers from both fraternities and sororities decorated for the event, which was also open to the family members of residents.

Volunteers Spend Day at Vermont Teddy Bear Factory for Charity

Sixteen students and staff members spent a day with some very friendly bears while volunteering at the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory during one of its peak seasons. The volunteers, associated with the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism, helped out during the Valentine's Day rush.

In exchange for bringing a large group of volunteers to work the event, the Shelburne, Vt., based factory will donate money to the center.

"The day at the Teddy Bear Factory went very well," said Shawn McElwain, the coordinator of student service corps in the center. "Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun during the time we spent at the factory."

According to McElwain, the donation from the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory will be used to establish a new program with the Clinton County Department of Social Services. The program will provide first-time expectant mothers in its program with a receiving blanket and a diaper bag full of needed items for the first few weeks of the newborn's life.

"This new initiative is still in the planning phase, but we are hopeful to get started on the project very soon in the future," said McElwain.

The Vermont Teddy Bear Factory also donated a bear for



Volunteers have fun at the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory.

the annual Alternative Breaks Service Auction that was held on Thursday, Feb. 23.

"Our volunteers worked very hard and made a good impression on the teddy bear factory staff," said McElwain. "I'm hopeful that this will be a great new partnership that will continue to grow in the future."

Speaker to Discuss Religious Freedom March 3

Dr. James Richardson, director of the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies at the University of Nevada at Reno, will speak on "Religious Freedom versus Social Control of Minority Faiths: Some Case Studies from the United States and Abroad."

The presentation will be held in the Hyman and

Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall on Friday, March 3 at 4 p.m.

The lecture, which is sponsored by the Anthropology Department, President's Office, Dean of Arts and Science Office and the Provost's Office, is free and open to the public.



Operation "Stuff Stafford" was a huge success when 1,736 Cardinal women's hockey fans came to watch SUNY Plattsburgh (#1) and Middlebury (#2), battle on the ice. The Lady Cardinals were victorious, winning 4 to 1. The Cardinal fans set a NCAA attendance record for a Division III women's regular season game and almost doubling the previous school benchmark of 900 against Bowdoin last season. The previous NCAA Division III attendance record for a regular season contest was 800 when Middlebury visited Bowdoin Nov. 19, 2004. The all-time mark of 2,335 was set in the 2005 National Championship game between Middlebury and Elmira. The Cardinals, who are the top-ranked team among Division III schools, are 21-2 overall.

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gather information from colleagues in other countries to coordinate an article for submission to a scholarly journal.

Wu will conduct an intensive literature search, complete statistical analysis and prepare manuscripts for submission to refereed journals while on the Drescher leave. Her work looks at sludge treatment in wetlands and water chestnut infestations in Lake Champlain.

Young will work on securing a book publication in the field of English education, specifically poetry. Her book is designed to be an aid to both high school and college audiences seeking information about teaching poetry.

Support from The Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program includes the employee's regular salary by the campus; salary for a temporary replacement; tuition and

fees for any course work; registration fees for conferences and workshops; course-related supplies; travel and related expenses for research or study; and research support.

Candidates must be full-time, non-tenured term employees who do not have permanent or continuing appointment and have at least a one-term renewal or prior service credit in a position eligible for permanent or continuing appointment.

Students Attend National Speech, Language and Hearing Convention

Three students in the Communications Disorders and Sciences Department had the opportunity to attend the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association's national annual conference.

Mary Doohar, from Dewitt, N.Y., Catherine Zoumboulakis, from Laval, Quebec, Canada, and Daniella Montalto, from Putnam Valley N.Y., traveled to San Diego, Calif., in November 2005.

"I was able to interview, search for jobs and do a lot of networking," said Montalto, a second-year graduate student. "The conference was very good for that. It was an amazing opportunity to find a job, and I got a lot of practice in interviewing."

Zoumboulakis, a first-year graduate student in the program, found it a valuable opportunity to learn more about the fields within speech pathology.

"I went to a lot of sessions," she said. "They were excellent. I got a good sense about what's out there today, up-to-date, current research and trends."

The students were accompanied by three faculty members in communication disorders and sciences: Dr. Patrick Coppens, professor and chair; Dr. Mike Morgan, associate professor and associate dean of education, health and human services; and Dr. Suzanne Hungerford, associate professor.



Two of the students met Mic Fleetwood, who was honored by the association during the conference in San Diego.

"As faculty, we love our students attending these conferences," said Coppens. "A lot of our students will go to the New York Regional Conference of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association in Saratoga, N.Y., in April."

The students said that the conference allowed them to experience facets of the profession that they might not get in the classroom.

"To see how to apply what you're reading in class is really great," said Zoumboulakis. "You hear and learn about techniques,

about which ones are effective and those that aren't, what therapy works and what doesn't."

"The impression I got is that the field is dynamic. It's science in action," said Montalto.



Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Deborah Altamirano, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Women's Studies Program, presented a paper titled, "The Exile of Return: Navigating the Way 'Home' in Neoliberal Chile," on a panel focusing on "Neoliberalism in Place, Identities in Places: Political Economy of Space and Culture in Chile" at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C. in December 2005.

Dr. Mark Gultek, assistant professor of hotel, restaurant and tourism management in the School of Business and Economics, has had a paper, "Restaurateurs' Attitude Toward Local Wines and Its Influence on Local Wine Purchases," published in the *International Journal of Wine Marketing*. The article reports that targeting restaurants as possible distribution outlets can be a crucial point of sale for wineries that are trying to expand wine sales potential, and in turn, can help develop respect for the entire industry. Understanding attitudes

of the restaurateurs toward local wines may be the first step in this direction.

Sue Lezon, assistant professor of art, exhibited her photographs of ancient Egyptian monuments at the Art Museum of the University of Memphis in Tennessee from October through December 2005. She presented an illustrated lecture for the Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology at the University of Memphis, titled, "...that you may behold the moon'... Photographing Ancient Egypt." Lezon spent this past winter break in Luxor, Egypt, working as a digital imaging consultant and photo-archivist for the University of Chicago's Epigraphic Survey, an archaeological expedition that documents Egyptian monuments using large format photography.

Mark Richard, associate professor of history and Canadian studies, was an invited speaker at the Jan. 25 Cross-Border seminar at the University of Maine. He presented "'Not Foreigners but Americans': The Negotiation of Identity by French-Canadian Descendants, Lewiston, Maine, 1860-2002," which is also the title of his book manuscript that is under contract to Michigan State University Press.



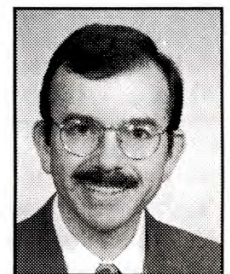
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FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Feb. 24 - Thursday, March 9

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

9 a.m. Construction Bidding and Estimating Seminar, sponsored by Small Business Development Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

2 p.m. Pre-Med Weekly Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

4:30 p.m. Japanese Talk, sponsored by International Student Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

5 p.m. Newman Association Club Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

7:30 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

12 p.m. Fraternal Values Institute, sponsored by Fraternity/Sorority Life. Angell College Center.

10 p.m. SPACE, sponsored by Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

3 p.m. Faculty Concert, Louise Dionne, Music Dept presents Louise Dionne, piano. Free admission. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

11 a.m. International Village - World Week 2006, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell Center Warren Ballroom A.

8 p.m. World Week Event, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

12:30 p.m. 4th Annual Black History a cappella Concert, performed by the Plattsburgh State Gospel

Choir. The admission fee is \$1, to be donated to the North Country Underground Railroad

Historical Association OR a can of food, to be donated to the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, presents Dr. Douglas Skopp speaking on "Fictionalizing History: The Story of a Nazi Doctor." Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science with assistance from CAS. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. World Week 2006-Panel Discussion, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

10 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

10 a.m. Health & Wellness Fair, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

2 p.m. Diversity Enlightenment, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4 p.m. Celebration of Scholarship. Faculty and staff showcase their work. Everyone welcome. Feinberg Library, second floor lobby.

6:30 p.m. Disney College

Program Presentation, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

8 p.m. World Week 2006-Jeopardy Challenge, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

11 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Developing a Job Portfolio." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

12 p.m. Disney College Program Presentation, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

4:30 p.m. Asian Workshop, sponsored by Asian Studies. Angell College Center

Alumni Conference Room.

7:30 p.m. "Wild Visions", a multi-media presentation by Carl Heilman II, is a visual journey through the Adirondacks that speaks of our relationship with wilderness and our spiritual connection with earth. Sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program and the Adirondack Mountain Club. Admission is free and open to all. Hawkins Hall, Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. URINETOWN the Musical, Co-sponsored by Music Dept & Theatre Dept. Reserved seating only. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 faculty, staff, seniors/students, \$5 SUNY students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

8 p.m. World Week Featured

Visual Artist Series Presents Valgerdur Hauksdottir March 6

The Visual Artist Series kicks off its spring schedule with Valgerdur Hauksdottir, an artist and printmaker born in Iceland. Her presentation will be held on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Hauksdottir received her bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 1981 and a degree of Master of Fine Arts from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, in 1983.

Since 1984, Hauksdottir has worked as an artist and an academic. She has held solo exhibitions in Iceland and elsewhere abroad. Her work has been selected in numerous invitational and juried exhibitions in many European countries as well as China, India and Africa.

Hauksdottir's work is found both in private as well as public collections. Her academic involvement includes the Icelandic College of Art and Crafts, now titled the Visual Art Department of the Iceland Art Academy, founded in 1999. She has served as the chair of the printmaking department (1987-1994), vice principal (1994-1995) and founder/coordinator of the joint European Masters Program amongst five European institutions titled, Printmaking Art and Research (1995-2000).

The Visual Artist Series is sponsored by the Student Association and the Campus Arts Council. For more information, contact the SUNY Plattsburgh Art Department at 564-2179.

Performance, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8 p.m. URINETOWN the Musical, Co-sponsored by Music Dept & Theatre Dept. Reserved seating only. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 faculty, staff, seniors/students, \$5 SUNY students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

8 p.m. World Week Featured Event, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8 p.m. URINETOWN the Musical, Co-sponsored by Music Dept & Theatre Dept. Reserved seating only. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 faculty, staff, seniors/students, \$5 SUNY students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

10 p.m. Hotub/Luau: Spring

Break Bash, sponsored by Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2 p.m. URINETOWN the Musical, Co-sponsored by Music Dept & Theatre Dept. Reserved seating only. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 faculty, staff, seniors/students, \$5 SUNY students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

11 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Choosing/Changing A Major or Career," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Valgerdur Hauksdottir, Printmaker. Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

3 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Applying to Graduate Schools," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

3 and 7 p.m. Film - "North Country", sponsored by Office of Affirmative Action. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

11 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

SPRING BREAK

Saturday, March 11 - Sunday, March 19.

Upcoming Profiles in Commitment Speakers

As part of the American Democracy Project, SUNY Plattsburgh will host two "Profiles in Commitment" speakers this semester.

Assemblyman Chris Ortloff will speak on Thursday, March 23 at 5 p.m. in Hudson 106. The assemblyman will discuss how he became involved in politics and the meaning of this engagement for both his professional and personal life.

Bill McKibben, nature writer and environmental activist, will give a lecture on Wednesday, April 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Yokum 202. He will discuss global warming and the growing student response to it, and how he became involved in environmental issues.

The American Democracy Project was established at SUNY Plattsburgh in spring 2003 to encourage students to engage in civic mindedness through experience, and to focus attention on the civic value of the college experience. It is part of a larger nationwide effort by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in conjunction with *The New York Times*.

The project has also established the "Profiles in Commitment Lecture Series," which features local, regional, and national speakers discussing how they became engaged in local, statewide, or national political or social issues. In addition to speaking about their involvement in public life, the guests offer suggestions to students and members of the broader community about avenues for such engagement.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

Van Safety Education Program Classes in March and April

Van safety classes will be held in the Maintenance and Operations Conference Room in the Service Building.

NOTE: The March and April dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hour class or call 564-2121 for the schedule. Meet at the Lobby of the Service Building (Sanborn Ave.) for the training.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

March and April

Van Safety Classroom dates/times:

March 15 (Wed): 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Service Bldg.)

March 21 (Tues): 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Service Bldg.)

April 4 (Tues): 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Service Bldg.)

April 13 (Thurs): 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Service Bldg.)

Project to Focus on Violence Prevention at Two Colleges

A new \$400,000 two-year grant has been awarded by the Department of Justice to expand on the success of an earlier federal grant that supported violence prevention against women on campus. This grant will be used to coordinate efforts between SUNY Plattsburgh and Clinton Community College (CCC).

The project directors are: Dr. Lynda Ames, professor of sociology and criminal justice and affirmative action officer, Arlene Sabo, chief of University Police, and Dr. Kathleen Camelo, director of the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services, all from SUNY Plattsburgh; and Steve St. Onge, vice president of student services, and Jennifer Waite, coordinator of human services, at CCC.

Joining the project are two new faces on campus, Ashley Burczak and Kristen Howe.

Burczak, originally from Peru, N.Y., went to Colombia University where she founded the student group, Students Active for Ending Rape. Over time, it developed into a national non-profit organization with Burczak as its executive director.

She will primarily focus on the efforts of violence prevention on the Plattsburgh State campus.

Howe comes to Plattsburgh fol-

lowing her work at a rape crisis center in Charleston, S.C.

Howe will work to coordinate the project's effort on CCC's campus.

"This sounded like a phenomenal job with the opportunity to work on not one but two college campuses," said Howe. "I'm also excited to be working with Dr. Lynda Ames, Arlene Sabo and Dr. Camelo and to learn a lot from them."

The project's three main parts include prevention of violent crimes, community coordination of responses and services and a case referral component to help the victims of violent crimes.

"The major part of the project is prevention. It will be a big bulk of our efforts," said Burczak. "I would like to see a prevention effort that is so well coordinated and so widespread that every student on both campuses knows it exists."

Ames said that she is excited to



Ashley Burczak and Kristen Howe

have Howe and Burczak on board.

"Both are passionate about this project and will work with each campus to make all students safer. We're fortunate to have two such people with great skills and energy," said Ames.

Ames also said that both institutions will benefit from the project.

"We share students and community resources," said Ames. "Clinton's students become ours, and sometimes vice versa. We also share faculty in many cases and work together on other issues. If we can develop a positive climate on both campuses, all of us will benefit."

Celebration of Scholarship March 1

The campus and community are invited to join in a celebration honoring academic and professional members of SUNY Plattsburgh for their scholarly accomplishments for 2004-05.

The Celebration of Scholarship reception will be held on Wednesday, March 1, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the Feinberg Library.

Dr. John Ettling, college president, and Dr. Robert Golden, vice president for academic affairs and provost, will speak during the event, which features books, articles and exhibition materials on display.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Guest Chef from Colombia Visits Campus

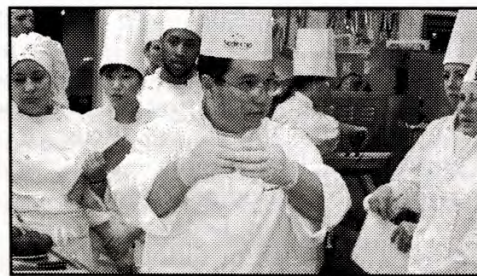
Sodexo Campus Services recently hosted a special guest in its kitchens. Joaquin Suarez Ordenez, from Bogota, Colombia, came to SUNY Plattsburgh as part of Sodexo's Global Chef Program.

Ordenez has 11 years of hotel and restaurant management and chef experience and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and New York University. He is the national training chef for Sodexo Colombia, providing culinary culture through theoretical and practical training workshops.

The Global Chef Program was created to bring executive chefs from Sodexo's affiliates around the world to campuses in the United States. The Global Chef shares authentic international cuisine and traditional cooking techniques with students, faculty, staff and the on-site culinary team.

While on campus, Ordenez prepared meals in the Sundowner and Clinton Dining Hall as well as participated in a hotel, restaurant and tourism management class.

He also visited several other campuses in the Northeast during his tour, including the University of Vermont and Paul Smith's College.



Global Chef Joaquin Suarez Ordenez shares his culinary skill with students in a HRTM class.

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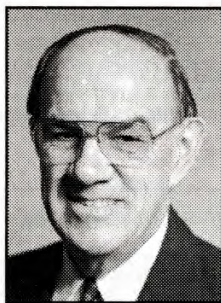
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Amell to Receive Distinguished Service Award

SUNY Plattsburgh will honor Arnold Amell '53 with the Distinguished Service Award during Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

Amell, the vice-chair of the College Council, was unanimously selected by the Council to receive the honor. He was first appointed to the council in May 1989, to fill an unexpired term and was subsequently reappointed in 1992 and 1999 for seven-year terms. In 2004, he served for 10 months as interim chairperson of the council, replacing Robert Garrow '52, who had resigned.

"I can think of no person more deserving of this award, which is the highest honor that the Council can bestow on an individual," said Donald Garrant '57 G'59, council chair.



Amell

"Arnie has performed in an outstanding manner in two important leadership roles on our campus for almost four decades as a member of the College Council for 17 years and as a member of our alumni board of directors for 37 years.

"It has been my privilege to know him and work with him during that period. He is considered by many as one of the most active and dedicated members of both groups. His attendance at council meetings every other month is exceptional, even though he resides almost three hours from campus. And at council meetings, he is one of our most articulate members."

In addition to serving on the Council, he has served on several presidential search committees and has attended nearly every commencement ceremony. Amell was recently

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Dr. George Flynn Takes Leading Role in Stardust Project

If there's a twinkle in Dr. George Flynn's eyes lately, it's probably because Stardust left it there.

The Stardust Project, NASA's comet sample return mission launched in February 1999, returned to Earth - the Utah desert to be exact - in January with a container of stardust samples collected from the 4.6 billion-year-old comet named Wilt-2 (pronounced Vilt after its Swiss discoverer).

Flynn, SUNY Plattsburgh physics professor, leads a team of scientists who hail from four continents who will analyze the composition of the stardust samples.

"I'm running the chemical composition team, because I participated in the development of the collection technique," Flynn said from his office in Hudson Hall.

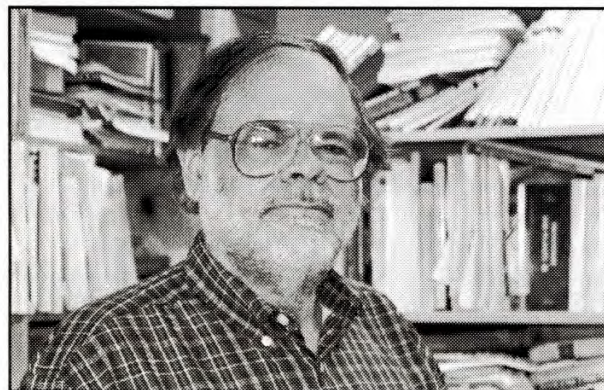
A substance called aerogel, a silicon material that can trap small particles and store them yet leave them

unscathed, was developed.

It was theorized that if the aerogel was encased in a collection unit on a spacecraft that was then flown through the dust and debris emitted from the comet, it could successfully be brought back to Earth and analyzed.

Flynn had been working with the University of Chicago since before the mission to develop techniques to analyze samples collected from a comet while the samples were still in the aerogel collection medium.

Not only did this make scientific sense, it made dollars and cents because this type of unmanned mission, on a smaller, faster spacecraft, fit into NASA's budget and overall mantra of doing things smaller, faster and cheaper, Flynn said.



Flynn

The spacecraft was about the size of a bus, Flynn said.

"The Stardust Project had one simple purpose - to go get pieces of the comet and bring them back for study," he said. But, prior to the mission's launch, it wasn't clear what portion of the samples returned

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Students Can Now Pay College Bill On-line

SUNY Plattsburgh students can now pay student balances on-line. Tuition, fees and parking fines can all be paid through Banner Web.

"This is a new feature in Banner where students can pay their bills on-line," said Greg Withrow, director of Student Accounts. "Students benefit because they can now pay 24/7. They don't have to show up at the Student Accounts windows in Kehoe or mail a check. They can pay from home or their dorm room."

TouchNet is the software package that enables secure, on-line payments for students by serving as a link between Banner Web and the banking system.

"TouchNet is a popular choice in on-line payment software among our SUNY peers," said Withrow.

The on-line payment system allows students to pay with MasterCard, Visa or Discover credit cards or by Web check.

It's easy to pay outstanding balances on-line. First, go

to Banner Web at www.plattsburgh.edu and log in.

After logging in, select Student Menu. Within the Student Menu, select Student Records Menu, then select Account Summary with Financial Aid and choose a term that has a balance due, such as spring 2006. This screen will show your account detail.

At the bottom, choose the payment form, either Credit Card Payment or Web Check Payment. You will then be directed to the payment information form. Enter your payment information and click the "submit" button.

"We want to make it as convenient as possible for students," said Withrow. "The on-line payment system is just one step in a strategic effort to integrate our student services. Down the road, we will implement e-billing and will consider a direct deposit option for refunds."

For questions on the new on-line payment option, contact the Student Accounts office at 564-3120.

Going Once...Going Twice...SOLD!

Auction Raises More Than \$2,800 to Benefit Alternative Breaks Program

When the final gavel came down, the benefit service auction for the Alternative Breaks Program broke an all-time record raking in more than \$2,800, shattering the previous record from last year by nearly \$1,000.

"We had an extremely successful service auction this year," said Shawn McElwain '96 G'01, coordinator of the student service corps in the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism. "We had so much support from the students, faculty, and staff of the college. Steve Brodi from Bridge Street Auction was a huge help, and the area businesses were very generous with their donations again this year. The money raised will definitely help the student and staff participants of this year's Alternative Breaks. Words could not begin to express our gratitude for all the people that came out to support this year's event."

More than 50 items were auctioned off with the help of Steve Brodi of Bridge Street Auction Service. Items included two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the CommutAir circuit, golf green fees to local golf courses, lawn and house cleanup services provided by alternative break trip participants and fraternity and sorority organizations as well as many gift certificates in various denominations to local establishments.

During the Winter Alternative Break, 40 students trav-



Benefit auction, emceed by Dean of Students Stephen Matthews and auctioneer Steve Brodi, raised a record amount of donations for Alternative Breaks Program.

eled to Naples, Fla., Georgetown, S.C., Greenfield, N.H., Fayetteville, N.C., Bridgeton, N.J. and Hartford, Conn., to perform community service with such organizations as Habitat of Humanity, Headstart and the Salvation Army.

Students and staff members will be traveling to different sites for Alternative Spring Break March 11 - March 19, including Greensboro, Ga., Bridgeport, Conn., Bridgeton, N.J., Pursglove, W.V., Mount Rogers, Va. and Grantville, Pa. Two leaders and nine participants will travel to each site.

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named by Garrant as the council's representative to the search committee for the vice president of Institutional Advancement.

As president of the Association of Council Members and College Trustees, Amell increased communication with council members in the statewide organization where he served as president on two occasions.

Amell continues to diligently serve SUNY Plattsburgh through his leadership and guidance as a former board president (1972-73) and currently as a member of the Plattsburgh Alumni Association Board of Directors. He has

served on the board for 36 years.

In recognition of his long service to the board, he was presented the Alumni Association's "Alumni Service Award" during Homecoming in October 2003.

Amell is a distinguished educator in the Capital District. He has served as Director of Guidance and Principal at the former Linton High School in Schenectady. He was also the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel in the Schenectady School District and is now retired. However, he works part-time as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel in the Troy City School District.

Communicating Good Ideas

For Dr. Erin Mitchell, writing and grammar are two of the most vital parts of her teaching. However, Mitchell does not teach English courses.

Mitchell, an adjunct professor in the Women's Studies Department at SUNY Plattsburgh since 1997, has been fascinated by English throughout her life.

Her undergraduate, graduate and doctorate degrees are all in English. She also completed a diploma program in Anglo-Irish literature at Trinity College in Ireland. From 1993 until 1997, she taught in the English department Plattsburgh State.

"I've always loved words and sentences," Mitchell said. "Strange hobby, but I like it. I just thought that, for me, literature describes human conditions better than social sciences does, so I've always been attracted to it for that reason."

Mitchell believes that when people express their ideas in standard English, a multitude of positive effects come out of it, and she tries to teach that to her students.

"I think that writing well in standard English is a way in which we all agree to communicate our good ideas," Mitchell said. "I like that my students acquire and practice those skills so that they have some sort of power, and that they can communicate what they're learning about. That, in turn, can lead to the capacity to communicate good ideas for change to others."

Over the last few years, Mitchell has taught classes in Women's Studies such as Introduction to Women's Studies, Women in Pop Culture, Global Perspectives and Feminist Framework. She's also taught Cultural Studies, a non-Women's Studies course.

Just how does Mitchell convey her belief of the importance of English upon her students? For starters, at the beginning of each semester, Mitchell hands every student in her classes a list, nicknamed by Mitchell, "The Famous Erin Mitchell Banned Words and Construction List."

Such examples of banned words on the list include: thing, never and always.

In addition to the banned-words list, Mitchell has an in-depth evaluation sheet that she attaches to students' papers that contain an abundance of grammar help and other English-related material personalized to each student's paper.

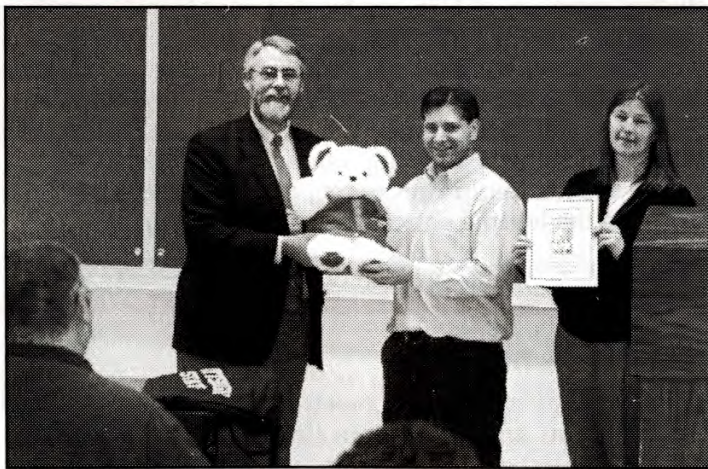
She also takes her time to point out grammar and sentence structure mistakes on students' papers.

Though Mitchell admits some students at first are taken aback by the amount of red pen marks on their papers, as well as the banned list and evaluation sheets, she said students figure out that the English help is useful for other classes as well.

One past student sees Mitchell's love of English as a gift, not a burden.

"If I ever have her again, instead of giving her an apple, I'd give her a red pen," said junior Alexandra Halfond, who took Cultural Studies with Mitchell in spring 2005. "Feedback is always good, and I mean, I worked so hard writing an in-depth Cultural Studies paper, and you want her to read it. She has never ripped apart our papers by their cultural aspect, and she has respected all of our opinions."

--Matthew Bleiberg, PR Intern



Human Resource Services has started a new tradition -- the B.E.A.R. award. The janitorial staff was the first recipient of the B.E.A.R., which stands for Best Employees in the Adirondack Region, award. They will keep the bear for a couple of weeks, then pass him along to another department of their choosing. The bear's backpack contains a notebook diary that will tell the next department why they are receiving the B.E.A.R. award, and a camera so that the group can take photos of the bear as he joins them in working, attending meetings, etc. Above, Larry Mills (left), Human Resources executive director, and Susan Welch (right), assistant director, present Dan Mariano, chief janitor, with the B.E.A.R. award.



The Plattsburgh State women's ice hockey team won the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) West Division III Tournament Championship with a decisive 4-0 victory over Utica College in the title game Sunday, March 5, at Stafford Ice Arena in the Plattsburgh State Field House. The top-ranked Cardinals, who also won the conference regular-season title, improved to 24-2-1 overall. The team earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament and will take on Elmira in the quarterfinals on Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Stafford Ice Arena. Head Coach Kevin Houle was named Coach of the Year for the ECAC West Division III Women's Ice Hockey.

Producing the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow

Do you want to build a business unique to your desires and interests? Are you interested in taking the road less traveled? If you are, then the Entrepreneurship Program at SUNY Plattsburgh is the one for you. Entrepreneurship is not for everyone interested in joining the business world; it's for those who intend to take it by storm.

SUNY Plattsburgh has the only four-year Entrepreneurship Program in the SUNY system. Along with that distinction, the program is part of the School of Business and Economics that was accredited by the AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), which provides graduates of the program with a critical professional advantage.

"The program gives you the opportunity to focus in management, marketing or finance," said Cheryl Decker, a December 2005 graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh. "I chose to focus on management and the program gave me the freedom to design my own business program."

The Entrepreneurship Program is the newest business program at Plattsburgh, and the courses and experiential learning in this program make it attractive for students.

Decker, one of the first two graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship, attests to the freedom of the program and its ability to be tailored as one of its major contributions to her education. By allowing her to create a unique experience, she was able to focus on what was important to her and therefore allowed her to better prepare herself for life in the business world post-graduation.

The program's affiliation with the SBDC (Small Business Development Center) allows the School of Business and Economics to offer students internship opportunities with a large number of local businesses and nonprofits. The unique opportunity also better prepares students for their future careers as entrepreneurs.

"Everyone knows that experience is what gives you the edge in any professional field," said Decker. "In my last semester, I interned for the Pyramid Management Group (PMG). The experience put me in direct contact with entrepreneurs trying to build their businesses. The company is responsible for renting store space to business owners trying to expand their businesses. It gave me incredible



Church

insight into the life of a small business owner and what goes into making a business succeed."

The internship translated into a promising career for Decker when PMG hired her as a specialty leasing representative immediately following graduation.

"Among the students at SUNY Plattsburgh there is a great entrepreneurial spirit," said Dr. Nancy Church, chair of the Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship. "Over the years I have noticed that a lot of our marketing and business graduates enter the professional world gaining their first experience working for others and ultimately become true and successful entrepreneurs."

According to Church, the program, which is only two years old, is rapidly expanding. When the entrepreneurship program went from a study concentration to an official major, as with any program that takes this route, the SUNY website announced the program to the public. The effect of the publicity and the unique four-year program that only SUNY Plattsburgh offers accounted for an increase in freshmen applications that specify an interest in entrepreneurship for the upcoming fall semester.

"The program addresses a real need," said Church. "Students gain the confidence to pursue their business dreams. One of the major contributing factors is that the program is grounded in experiential learning."

Coupled with the internship opportunities, the program benefits from the presence of SUNY Plattsburgh's award-winning Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter. Each year, the student members of SIFE, led by Dr. James Csipak, associate professor, develop projects to promote free enterprise. This year, the group will host and organize seminars to provide training for women who want to open their own businesses.

While still in its infancy, the Entrepreneurship Program offers experiential learning opportunities along with a strong foundation in educational practices and is designed to create the leading entrepreneurs of the future.

--Zoe Genova, PR Intern

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would gross the best outcomes.

"It wasn't clear if we analyzed particles at the end of the (comet's) trail that it would be representative of the whole collection," Flynn said. "We've been developing these techniques over the last 15 years to analyze all of the matter distributed along a track."

By using instruments that utilize intense x-ray beams, the researchers were able to determine "we were right," Flynn said. "This was crucial to the success of the project - to analyze all the materials distributed along the comet's trail."

Flynn, his colleagues and members of five other research teams are hoping to have all their data collected for a presentation at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, March 13.

"Six groups (of scientists) are doing analyses of different aspects recovered from the samples," he said. "Each group will report at the conference. I hope the event can combine measurements from all the groups."

Flynn said one of the purposes of studying the dust from Wilt-2 is to determine the age of the solar system.

"Comets store pristine samples of dust from the formation of the solar system," he said. "This is something we've speculated on but never had a sample to analyze - until now. I think there are going to be enough surprises in these samples to keep researchers going for generations."

"Lunar rocks brought back in 1969 are still being requested by researchers. Once the preliminary analysis is done, I wouldn't be surprised if 35, 40 years from now people are still requesting samples to study," said Flynn.

Student's Path a Long and Winding Road

Tracy Guynup's road to graduation has included darkrooms, CD stores, videotapes, pizza, changing diapers and two different colleges during a 13-year period.

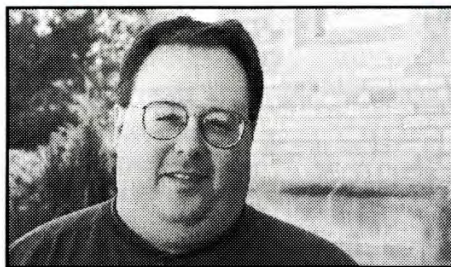
Guynup, a senior from Plattsburgh, N.Y., will be graduating with honors this May with a degree in communications. In addition, Guynup is a member of two different honor societies and volunteers as a Student Ambassador. He is an intern as well as a work-study student in the Admissions Office.

For Guynup, it hasn't been an easy trek, to say the least.

After graduating from nearby Beekmantown High School in 1993, Guynup went to Rochester Institute of Technology on an \$8,000 scholarship per trimester to pursue his passion in photography. Needing to maintain a 3.0 GPA to keep his scholarship, he received a 2.9 in his first trimester.

Guynup did not have enough money to pay for his tuition and room and board after losing the scholarship, and left R.I.T. He still wanted to continue his interest in photography.

"I came home, kind of dejected



Guynup

about not being able to keep myself in school," Guynup said. "I was talking to a lot of area photographers and they told me that I didn't necessarily need a degree if I wanted a small, local photography studio and a small business here in town. I started building my portfolio and doing weddings, a little bit of commercial work and model portfolios."

However, his business was not paying the bills, so he worked several part-time and, later, full-time jobs at local video, music, pizza and department stores. In the latter part of his full-time working experience, Guynup worked an average of 80 hours a week.

The turning point for Guynup came in 2002 when his wife graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with her grad-

uate degree in childhood education and received a job as a teacher at a local school. Guynup attended Clinton Community College and graduated in the spring of 2004.

Guynup's life changed when his daughter was born in his third semester at Clinton Community College.

"It's a balancing act," he said.

Through it all, Guynup has maintained a 3.89 GPA, is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society, and Lambda Pi Eta, a communications honor society.

He has applied to the college's graduate student affairs professional practice program and is hoping to work in a student affairs position at a local campus or as a guidance counselor at a nearby junior or high school after he finishes the program.

Guynup said that he would not be where he is today without his family, including his wife and mother.

"They pick up the slack that I'm not able to do," Guynup said. "I go to school and work all day, and then go home at night and do homework. Their help is big for me."

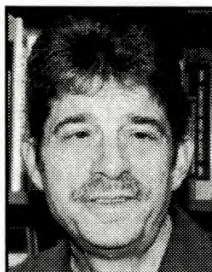
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Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Robert Davis, professor and senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories in the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department, presented a paper titled, "Sensitivity of Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions in Noise-Exposed Chinchillas," at the annual meeting of the American Auditory Society in Scottsdale, Ariz. **Dr. Wei Qiu**, senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories, and **Dr. Roger Hamernik**, professor and director of the laboratories, co-authored the study.

Dr. Gordon Pollard, professor of anthropology, has authored the article titled, "A Large Business: The Clintonville Site, Resources, and Scale at Adirondack Bloomery Forges," which recently appeared in *IA, the Journal of the Society for Industrial Archaeology*. The article was co-authored by SUNY Plattsburgh anthropology graduate Haagen Klaus '00. The study summarizes the results of archaeological investigations that were

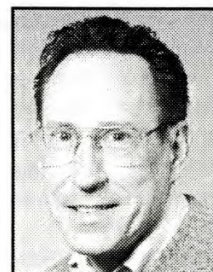
run by Pollard from 1994 to 2001 at the large bloomery iron forge site at Clintonville in the Ausable Valley, which operated from 1830 to 1890. The article also compares the Clintonville Iron Works to 42 other 19th century forge sites that are known to have operated in and near Clinton County revealing a variety of organizational modes as well as the early distinctiveness of Clintonville as the largest such forge installation in the world. The archeological investigations carried out by Pollard at Clintonville included four summer field courses that involved a total of 50 undergraduates. Klaus, a student member of the 1998 field school at the site, graduated magna cum laude with advanced honors and a minor in archaeology, and was a recipient of a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. In 2003, Klaus completed an MA in bioarchaeology at Southern Illinois University. He is currently completing his doctoral dissertation at Ohio State University, which involves analysis of over 500 human burials spanning AD 900-1750, examining the biological and cultural impacts of European contact on the north coast of Peru.



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FOCUS Calendar

Friday, March 10 - Saturday, April 8

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

SPRING BREAK

Saturday, March 11 - Sunday, March 19.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

10 p.m. Board Game Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9 a.m. Fire Safety Training for Employees, sponsored by Environmental Health/Safety. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

12 p.m. Book signing and discussion by Pauline Houle, author of "My Beauty My Beast: Mind, Body and PMS." College Store, Book Nook.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Choosing/Changing A Major or Career." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Biava String Workshop, Presented by Music Dept & co-sponsored with Hill & Hollow Music. Lecture workshop/masterclass. Free. Hawkins Hall, Krinovitz Recital Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

11 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series,

presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. CDPI Film Series and WRAP Session, presents "School Ties," sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion with assistance from CAS. Admission is free and open to all. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Christine Sciacca, Art Historian. Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7 a.m. Excellus Conference-Palliative Care, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

7 p.m. Chopstick Competition, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

7 a.m. Excellus Conference-Palliative Care, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Karen Becker & Friends, Concert presented by SUNY Music Dept. Karen Becker on piano along with other faculty in dept. Free. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Rocky Horror Picture Show, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

3 p.m. Domino

Competition, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

6 p.m. Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge and Warren Ballroom A.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

12:30 p.m. Performance Class 1, Applied Students required to attend. Myers Fine Arts Building, Room 300.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

3 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Creating Resumes and Cover Letters," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

10 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8 p.m. Fifth Annual Mr. Plattsburgh, sponsored by TAWS. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre

Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m. Quebec Studies Conference, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room and Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Dan Gordon & Friends, Dan Gordon, SUNY Plattsburgh Music Professor, and guest saxophone quintet perform. FREE. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5 p.m. Gala Buffet, sponsored by Asian Club. Algonquin Dining Room.

8 p.m. CVOS & Choral Union Concert, Guest Alum Thomas McNichol. Tickets for students only available until Friday, Mar 31, 5 p.m. Full price at the door. All other tickets can be purchased at Peacock Music or through CVOS members. Prices TBA. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

9 p.m. Psychic Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

11 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate

Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

11 a.m. Alcohol Screening Program, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Alcohol Screening Program, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Peter Krausz, Painter. Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Faculty Jazz Concert, Music faculty perform. Rick Davies-trombone, Herm Matlock-trumpet, Michael Angelo Fratino-guitar, John

Rivers-bass, Gabe Jarrett-drums. FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8 p.m. Jazz Movie "Buena Vista Social Club", Co-sponsored with CDPI film series & Music Dept. FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8 p.m. Jazz Fest, 29th Annual Jazz FEST with Jazzismo in residence. Dr. Rick Davies and his SUNY Jazz Ensemble & Combo perform. Tickets available at Angell College Desk and at the door. Prices \$8, \$5 & \$2. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2 p.m. Jazz Workshop with Jazzismo, Workshop with Jazzismo - In - Residence. All welcome. Free. Myers Fine Arts Bldg 300.

8 p.m. Salsa Dance, Jazzismo & Dr. Davies Jazz Ensemble & Combo to play at Plattsburgh Elks Club on Cumberland Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the Angell College Center or at the door. SALSA Dance!

Lessons at 7 pm with Burlington's Salsalina (Victoria Moore). Prices \$10, \$5 & \$2. Myers Fine Arts Bldg 300.

10 p.m. Hypnotist Dan LaRosa, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

Profiles in Commitment Speakers

As part of the American Democracy Project, SUNY Plattsburgh will host two upcoming "Profiles in Commitment" speakers.

Assemblyman Chris Ortloff will speak on **Thursday, March 23 at 5 p.m. in Hudson 106**. The assemblyman will discuss how he became involved in politics and the meaning of this engagement for both his professional and personal life.

Bill McKibben, nature writer and environmental activist, will give a lecture on **Wednesday, April 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Yokum 202**. He will discuss global warming and the growing student response to it and how he became involved in environmental issues.

The American Democracy Project was established at SUNY Plattsburgh in spring 2003 to encourage students to engage in civic mindedness through experience and to focus attention on the civic value of the college experience. It is part of a larger nationwide effort by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in conjunction with *The New York Times*.

The project has also established the "Profiles in Commitment Lecture Series," which features local, regional, and national speakers discussing how they became engaged in local, statewide, or national political or social issues. In addition to speaking about their involvement in public life, the guests offer suggestions to students and members of the broader community about avenues for such engagement.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

Biava String Quartet Masterclass March 22

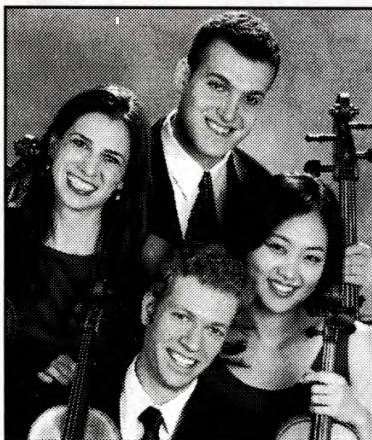
The Biava String Quartet will hold a masterclass at SUNY Plattsburgh on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. The concert is part of a weeklong residency with Hill and Hollow Music. The masterclass is free and open to the public.

Students from the SUNY Plattsburgh String Quartet will perform Mozart's *String Quartet in C Major, K. 157* while the guest artists coach the student group.

The Biava String Quartet will then demonstrate an "open rehearsal," so that the audience can experience how a quartet of its caliber collaborates to arrive at musical decisions.

The evening will close with a preview by the Biava String Quartet of some of the music they will perform during the Hill and Hollow concert on Sunday, March 26.

During its weeklong artist-residency with Hill and Hollow Music, the Biava Quartet will work in several North Country schools performing and teaching workshops for



The Biava String Quartet

students in grades K-12. The quartet will also perform at Lake Forest Senior Retirement Community on its "Dinner With A View" series.

Bringing artists of this caliber to the community represents some of Hill and Hollow's most important work, and the SUNY Plattsburgh Music Department is pleased to partner with Hill and Hollow Music on this project.

Praised as "an ensemble of unusual communicative powers" with "a sensitivity beyond its years," the Biava Quartet has quickly established itself as one of the top young American string quartets.

In recent years, the Biava Quartet has captured several of the most prestigious awards in chamber music, including the Naumburg Chamber Music Award (2003), the London International Quartet Competition (2003), the Young Concert Artists International Auditions (2002 and 2003), the Coleman National Chamber Music Ensemble Competition (2002), and the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition (2001).

New License-Eligible Mental Health Counselor Program

Plattsburgh is the first SUNY campus to receive approval from the New York State Education Department for the license-eligible status of a new mental health counseling master's degree program.

Students in the program will be far ahead of the curve due to a recent state regulation on licensure. New York State law now requires that mental health practitioners be licensed to practice.

In anticipation of this new licensure requirement, Dr. Richard Schnell, professor of counselor education, and Dr. Patricia Higgins, associate vice president for academic affairs, put together a proposal for a mental health counseling program that would have license-eligible status.

"When an institution trains individuals to be a nurse, physician or psychologist, it must have prior approval from the state education department to offer a licensable program," said Schnell. "Pat Higgins and I started working on a proposal a few years ago for a mental health counseling license-eligible program. I knew what the state would require, and Dr. Higgins was the liaison with SUNY Central."

The Department of Counseling welcomed the first students in the

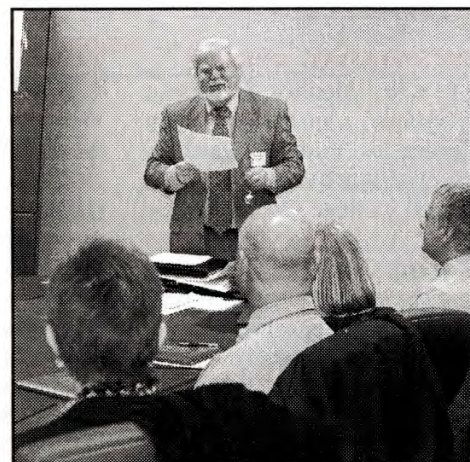
new master's program in January. Counseling has three nationally accredited programs including community counseling, school counseling and student affairs professional practice. Community counseling, which will be phased out in the next couple of years, was the foundation and precursor to the new mental health counseling program. Several students in the community counseling program have or will make the switch to the mental health counseling degree program.

"The new master's in mental health counseling was an important and necessary aspect to the counseling education program at SUNY Plattsburgh," said Schnell.

The first mental health licenses were issued in the fall 2005 by the state. Several Plattsburgh State alumni completed the license requirements, including the education requirements, taking an examination and completing 3000 hours of supervised experience. They were recently awarded their mental health practitioner state license.

A ceremony was held on Feb. 23 to celebrate their achievement.

"In achieving this professional milestone of licensure, you honor the counseling profession," said Schnell during the ceremony. "You honor your alma mater and the dedicated



A recent ceremony honored alumni of the counseling department.

faculty who strove to provide you with a strong ethical and professional foundation for clinical practice."

Schnell said that the new program is of great benefit to both the college and the students.

"The college has a primary mission of addressing the needs of the community it serves, so I see this new program and license supporting SUNY Plattsburgh in fulfilling that need," said Schnell. "For students, it presents to them a highly marketable degree and one that the state has designated as fundamental to the provision of community mental health services."



A recent memorial gathering honored Vera Hirsch, who died in January. Dr. Hans Hirsch, who predeceased his wife in 1998, was a professor emeritus of history and served on the college faculty from 1949 to 1975. Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and college historian, served as the master of ceremonies, and several members of the campus community spoke. Following the gathering, a reception was held in the Hans and Vera Hirsch Gallery in Hawkins Hall.

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The School of Business and Economics (SBE) recently hosted its second "Opportunities Fair" of the year. SBE exceeded the conference capacity with 20 organizations in attendance, including a few invited graduate school representatives. Businesses participating in the fair included Enterprise, Aflac, Mountain Lake PBS and MetLife. Students were able to explore a number of opportunities at one time, while employers had a chance to see what SBE is doing to develop even more opportunities for the future.

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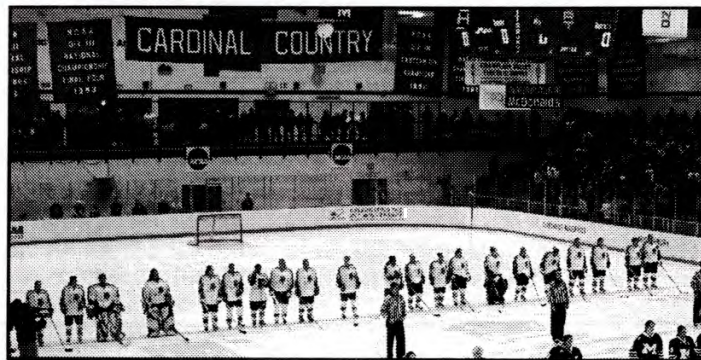
Cardinal Women Skate into Final Four

The SUNY Plattsburgh Women's Ice Hockey Team had a stellar season – it was a powerhouse. At the end of the regular season, the Cardinals were the top team in the nation and sported a record of 22-2-1. As the last buzzer rang on the season during the NCAA Division III National Championships, the Cardinals found themselves three goals shy of a storybook ending.

After defeating Elmira in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III championships on Saturday, March 11, the Cardinals were honored with hosting the semi-final and final games at the Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18. Four teams hungry for the title fought like champions – Plattsburgh, Middlebury (Vt.), Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (Wis.).

In the semifinals, Plattsburgh was pitted against the tough team from Wisconsin. The Cardinals rolled to a 4-1 victory on their way to the final game Saturday, March 18. Middlebury defeated Gustavus, so the stage was set for the two northeastern teams to do battle.

The Cardinals had last met Middlebury on the ice in February when Plattsburgh won that contest 4-1. Plattsburgh hopes were indeed high for a national title.



Plattsburgh players stand ready before the big championship game at the Ronald Stafford Ice Arena.

But in the end, it was the Middlebury Panthers who skated around the rink with the national championship trophy after defeating the Cardinals 3-1 in front of the 1,300 hockey fans who came to watch the game.

"We asked them to come to the rink today and give it everything they had for 60 minutes, and they did," said Kevin Houle, the Cardinal head coach, during a press

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Month-Long Showcase to Highlight Student Work

Students at SUNY Plattsburgh from many different areas of study along with faculty members have participated in Showcase Week. This year, Showcase has been expanded and events highlighting student work will be held throughout the month of April.

"Showcase is an old tradition at Plattsburgh State where we highlight the academic successes of our students," said Kathy Lavoie, dean of Arts and Science.

Showcase was actually discontinued for a couple of years, but the College revived it two years ago in a slightly different format.

"Showcase is important because it gives both faculty and students a forum to demonstrate and illustrate

their work and projects," said Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences. "I feel oftentimes that both our faculty and students don't realize the talent found on this campus. It also benefits our students by giving them an opportunity to present their work in a public setting."

Students and faculty from across campus are participating in Showcase. Activities range from visual art displays to student - faculty research.

"Showcase is a great way for the students to display their work and see the work of other students working on the same project," said Elwess.

It is the culmination of student-faculty collaboration that makes Showcase special to Plattsburgh State. Many colleges are unable to offer students the

one-on-one attention that SUNY Plattsburgh students are afforded.

"I think it is a very positive event," said Dr. Patrick Coppens, professor and chair of communication disorders and science. "The most beneficial aspects are that the students get to present and talk about their projects in a non-threatening atmosphere, and it promotes encounters between faculty and students – and faculty and faculty – that wouldn't otherwise take place."

Students participating in Showcase represent a wide variety of majors. Many events for Showcase will take place within a specific class while others will take place outside of the classroom.

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Symposium Celebrates Talents of Local Writers

Celebrating local writers is this year's theme for the third annual writing symposium sponsored by the departments of journalism and English and made possible by assistance from the Winkel Humanities Fund.

"In Our Backyard: A Symposium Celebrating the Talents of Local Writers," will be held Friday, March 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 153C, Hawkins Hall. The symposium is free and open to the public.

Speakers will include Pulitzer-Prize winner Ron Powers and author Elizabeth Inness-Brown who will discuss the craft of writing, how to weave historical fact into a story and how to find inspiration from your local surroundings.

Powers has published 13 books on a range of topics: TV criticism, topical fiction, biography, narrative nonfiction about American community and the plight of American adolescents. Born in Hannibal, Mo. — Mark Twain's boyhood hometown — Powers has taken his "fierce affection and scabrous argument with this country" as his literary ideal.

In 1973, at age 31, as the TV-radio columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Powers became the first TV critic to win the Pulitzer Prize. Later, as an on-air television commentator, he won a Chicago Emmy and a National Emmy for his work on CBS News *Sunday Morning*.

His most recent book, *Mark Twain: a Life*, a 720-page biography, was a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award. He has taught writing at Middlebury College and has also written for a variety of magazines, including *Smithsonian*, *Esquire* and *Playboy*. Powers lives in Middlebury, and you can hear his commentaries on Vermont Public Radio.

Inness-Brown is author of two collections of short stories, *Satin Palms* and *Here*. Her novel, *Burning Marguerite*, published by Knopf in 2002, was a best seller in New England and has appeared in 10 editions, including translations to Dutch, German, and Italian.

Publisher's Weekly had this to say about *Burning Marguerite*: "Inness-Brown probes her characters deftly and thoroughly... There's no doubt about this author's ability to convey the complex passions of her characters. Following on the heels of two well-reviewed short story collections, this novel represents a solid building block in the foundation of a promising career."

She currently teaches writing at Saint Michael's College, where she also directs the Writing Center. Raised in the North Country, she now lives with her husband and young son in South Hero, Vt.

Students Participate in Community Service Project for JCEO

A community service project, sponsored by the Student Support Services (SSS), has resulted in a donation of more than 250 personal items to the Plattsburgh Joint Council for Economic Opportunity (JCEO).

According to Bryan Kieser, SSS math skills specialist and one of the project coordinators, this is the third year that students in SSS have participated in the project.

"Students have helped to organize and collect these items," said Kieser. "Students adopted a basket and filled it up with shampoo, soaps, lotion, tooth brushes, all kinds of personal care items. They did a great job."

Representatives from JCEO came to pick up the items in celebration of Trio

Service Day, Feb. 25.

According to the 1986 Congressional resolution, National TRIO DAY is meant to focus the nation's "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made."

"The project meets a need of this



Representatives from JCEO picked up the more than 250 donated items from Student Support Services.

community and provides a connection between students and the community, and will hopefully create a bridge in their lives," said Kieser.

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conference following the game. "I thought that a break here or there, a bounce here or there, a call here or there, could be a different story. But I'm so proud of my team and the way they played, not only tonight but all season. It's been a phenomenal run."

This is the third national championship title in a row for Middlebury. And the men's team took the national championship title the very next day.

The Cardinals set a program record with their 26 wins this season and made the program's first appearance in the national title game.

"Thanks to the hard work of our coaches, Kevin Houle and Erin O'Brien, and the dedication of our students, Plattsburgh State's Women's Hockey Team has made a steady and rapid climb to the top of the NCAA Division III women's hockey world," said Bruce Delventhal, athletic director. "The program has been built both on and off the ice by focusing on a commitment to excellence. Kevin's players have been guided to work hard in the classroom, on the ice and in the community. Their wonderful play is a reflection of the attitude that they bring to everything they do. They represent all of the best values that we hold so dear at Plattsburgh."

Rao Provides Expertise to Burlington Mayoral Race

The election for a new mayor of Burlington, Vt., has a SUNY Plattsburgh connection.

Dr. Shakuntala Rao, associate professor of communication, used her expertise in media relations to help Bob Kiss become the new mayor of the "Queen City."

"I've known Bob for as long as I've been living in Burlington – about eight years," said Rao. "When Bob asked me to be his spokesperson and media director, he was looking for fresh faces with fresh ideas."

This was the first political campaign involvement for Rao, whose work as a spokesperson will be done when Kiss takes office on April 3. Rao will be part of Kiss' core advisory group, but will not play an active role in his administration.

"Having an intimate knowledge about the media really helped to connect with the local journalists, which is mostly what I did, and to advise Bob on what he could do to be more media friendly," said Rao.

In Burlington's run-off mayoral race on March 7, Progressive Party candidate, Bob Kiss beat Democrat Hinda Miller by a vote of 4,761 to 3,986. It was the first mayoral race in the U.S. to implement a new voting system – Instant Run-Off Voting, or IRV.



Rao

As part of the campaign, Rao was also involved with writing and distributing press releases, organizing press conferences and writing and reviewing campaign literature.

"My contribution helped to take Bob's message out to the media and the voting public, and I think we succeeded. The campaign staff had such a sense of accomplishment. As a group, it was really nice. It was also a really short campaign, so we worked really hard. It was nice to see all the strategy come together at the end. It's like after all the training, you win the marathon. I always knew we could do it."

Rao said that while she kept the campaign work separate from her teaching, now that the election is over, she will share with her classes the insight she gained in the political public relations world.

"This experience will have an impact in my international communication course where we have discussions about local elections," said Rao. "There's no doubt in my mind as I continue my association with the new mayor, more and more of my experience will trickle down to students in my classes. This was a great experience for me to have, especially as a communication professor, because it was directly related to my field."

30th Annual SUNY Plattsburgh Jazz Festival March 31 - April 8

SUNY Plattsburgh will host its 30th annual Jazz Festival March 31 through April 8.

The festival has been expanded this year to include six events during a nine-day period and includes special guest artists from the Latin jazz group, Jazzismo.

The festival kicks off on **Friday, March 31**, with a performance by the **SUNY Plattsburgh Contemporary Combo** under the direction of Dr. Rick Davies, associate professor of music. This free concert will be held at **Giovanni's Trattoria**, 15 Bridge Street, Plattsburgh, beginning at **9 p.m.**

The **SUNY Faculty Jazz Ensemble** concert will be held on **Wednesday, April 5, at 8 p.m.**, in the **E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall**. This free concert features faculty members Dr. Rick Davies, Herm Matlock, Michael Fratino, Karen Becker, John Rivers and Gabriel Jarrett.

On **Thursday, April 6**, a special showing of the film, **"The Buena Vista**

Social Club," will be held at **8 p.m.** in the **E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall**. This free event is co-sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and will feature a post-film discussion.

The **SUNY Plattsburgh Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Combo** will perform with special guest artists Jazzismo on **Friday, April 7, at 8 p.m.** in the **E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall**. Jazzismo members include top jazz musicians from Vermont - Alex Stewart, tenor saxophone; Bruce Sklar, piano; John Rivers, bass; Jeff Salisbury, drums; and Steve Ferraris, congas. Tickets are \$8 for general admission; \$5 for seniors, faculty, staff and non-SUNY Plattsburgh students; and \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students.

Members of Jazzismo will also present a **workshop on Latin jazz Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m.** in the **Myers Fine Arts Building, room 300**. Anyone interested in learning more

about performing Latin music should attend this free workshop and clinic. No previous experience is required, and high school students are especially encouraged to attend.

The Jazz Festival concludes with an all-night **Latin dance party** on **Saturday, April 8, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.** at the **Plattsburgh Elks Club**, 56 Cumberland Ave., Plattsburgh.

From 7 to 8 p.m., learn the ways of salsa dancing by Salsalina's Victoria with DJ Raul. Then show off your new moves beginning at 8 p.m. when Jazzismo and members of the SUNY Plattsburgh Jazz Ensemble perform live Latin jazz music. Tickets are \$10 for general admission; \$5 for seniors, faculty, staff and non-SUNY Plattsburgh students; and \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students. A cash bar will be available.

For more information on these events, contact Dr. Rick Davies or Karen Parrotte in the Music Department at 564-2180.

Plattsburgh Art Therapy Minor Unique in SUNY

The first class of art therapy minors will graduate from SUNY Plattsburgh this May, and some students already have plans to continue their studies in graduate art therapy programs.

Among the many minors that SUNY Plattsburgh offers, art therapy is an exciting and unique combination of psychology and art. Although open to all fields of study, art therapy attracts students predominantly from the art and psychology departments.

The program is designed so that students currently enrolled in the psychology program have a stronger emphasis on the arts, and art students study more about the psychological aspects of art therapy.

The program produces students who are well rounded and prepared for graduate studies or employment opportunities in art or psychology.

Britt-Marie McDowell, adjunct lecturer of psychology, has been teaching art therapy at SUNY Plattsburgh for three years and is currently teaching Introduction to Art Therapy and the art therapy practicum.

"The minor was a collaborative effort between the art and psychology departments," said McDowell. "We are the only SUNY program currently offering a minor in art therapy, and the program is certainly a springboard for graduate school admission."

The four main goals of the program are: teach students about art therapy, specifically what it is and how it can be applied; give students the means in which to work with clients outside the school and learn about the professional aspects of art therapy; give students a mixed background on art techniques and therapeutic expression; and give

students the means in which to create an extensive portfolio.

Art therapy is a 24-credit program, including an introductory art therapy class, portfolio-building and a practicum that enables students to get useful hands-on experience as well as networking opportunities with registered art therapists.

Students in McDowell's introductory course participate in a studio experience, which provides the concepts of therapeutic art making first hand.

The art therapy practicum allows students the opportunity to work with area public school children or clients in human service programs and settings.

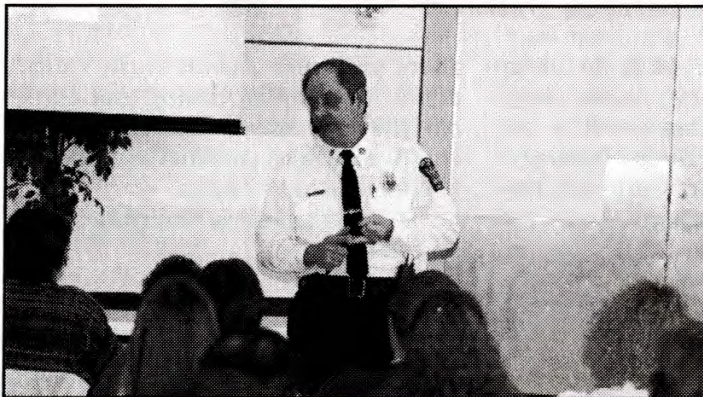
Classes offer students from multiple backgrounds and interests a broadening of perspectives and a new way of expressing themselves. Students have come to the art therapy classes from majors such as women's studies, anthropology and social work.

McDowell describes the benefits of the art therapy program as a connection, or reconnection, with the creative process.

"It provides students an understanding of how the arts can assist with healing of any kind and an opportunity to explore personal visual language and symbolic vocabulary," said McDowell.

The art therapy program has something to offer students in all fields of study, whether it be a new form of expression, a minor, some elective credits or a jump start into graduate schools, this unique program has a lot to offer.

-- Emily Martin, PR Intern



SUNY Plattsburgh employees were invited to participate in a fire safety training presentation by Guy Swartwout, fire protection specialist with the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, on March 15. The presentation was sponsored by the Environmental Health Office and included information and good practices for fire safety. Every year, college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. There are several causes for these fires. However, most are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention. Some general fire safety tips include: make sure that all exits are unobstructed and easily accessible; don't store materials in stairwells; properly store flammable materials; don't delay in calling the fire department.

Showcase (Continued from Page 1)

"Showcase is important because it's an opportunity for students to present the results of their scholarly activity in a professional manner," said Dr. Kenneth Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science. "The career development of students is enhanced in many important ways when they get directly involved with the methodology of the discipline.

Effective learning occurs when students apply theory through their own hands-on experience."

A few events on the calendar for Showcase include presentations by biological science students on Thursday, April 20, from 2 - 6 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center; the Senior Exhibition 2006 at the Plattsburgh State Art Museum that opens on Saturday, April

22 with artist lectures from 3 to 4 p.m. and an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Burke Gallery; and quite a few events hosted by the music department throughout the month.

"I'm looking forward to Showcase this year," said President John Ettling. "Showcase is a great opportunity for our students and faculty to highlight the quality of work that is done on our campus."

Student Profile: Introducing Heath Boomhower

How does Heath Boomhower, a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity at SUNY Plattsburgh spend his time away from the organization?

He works four different on-campus jobs, including one as a resident assistant in Moffitt Hall.

Through it all, Boomhower, a junior sociology major from East Berne, N.Y., has managed to maintain a grade point average over 3.5 and has been on the Dean's List three of the last five semesters.

Boomhower said being in the fraternity has changed his life at Plattsburgh State.

"If it wasn't for me joining a Greek organization, I probably wouldn't have as many friends or know as many people as I do on campus," Boomhower said. "It's opened me up to a lot of things and opened a lot of doors for me on campus."

Since joining the fraternity in fall 2004, he has served as vice president for finance and communications chair.

Sigma Tau Gamma President Seth Connor sees Boomhower as an inval-



Boomhower

able member of the fraternity.

"He's hardworking and a dedicated person," Connor said. "I think he's one of the most balanced guys we have and is always at every event."

In addition to being in Sigma Tau Gamma and his RA position, Boomhower is a Student Association senator, a trainer in the Fitness Center and a tour guide for the College.

He is the president of Gamma Sigma Alpha and a member of the Order of Omega, both are Greek honor societies. Boomhower is also a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, an

honor society for sociology.

Boomhower spent this past winter break in Naples, Fla., with his fellow RAs for Alternative Winter Break.

"I was helping rebuild the state parks, because there was a lot of hurricane damage," Boomhower said. "A lot of the trails were closed because all the trees fell across them. We went through with chainsaws and cleared everything off. It was hard work, but it was fun."

Boomhower is now deciding between joining the United States Peace Corps or continuing his studies and getting a graduate degree after he graduates from SUNY Plattsburgh.

But one thing is for sure. He has enjoyed his time in college and has fallen in love with the campus.

"I love the size of it," Boomhower said. "It's big enough that you're meeting new people all the time, but you can still walk around and see familiar faces and form pretty good relationships with everybody, and not be lost in the crowd."

--Matthew Bleiberg, PR Intern

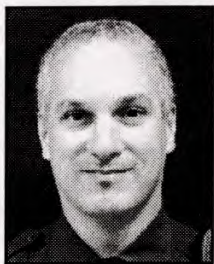
Faculty Recital March 31

Daniel Gordon, assistant professor of music, will perform on Friday, March 31 at 8 p.m., in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. Members of the Frontier Saxophone Quartet and Karen Becker, SUNY Plattsburgh faculty pianist, will also perform. The concert is free and open to the public.

Spotlight

on faculty and staff

Robert Light, University Police officer, had his review of the KHS Police Bicycle published in *IPMBA News*, the newsletter for the International Police Mountain Bike Association.



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30th Annual Career Night April 6

Students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of businesses and organizations at the 30th Annual Career Night on Thursday, April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

The Career Development Center (CDC) helps students figure out their career goals and how to achieve them. The CDC offers a myriad of services and events for students when it comes to investigating career choices and employment opportunities.

One of the most important events that the CDC sponsors for students is the annual Career Night. Carolyn Delcore, director of the CDC who has been a part of organizing this event from the beginning, said this event is important for the career development of students.

"Students have a chance to learn more about career opportunities, and they get experience presenting themselves directly to employers," said Delcore.

The evening event emphasizes information exchange and provides the opportunity for students to broaden their perspectives on career options. Approximately 50 to 60 organizations annually participate in Career Night.

"We expect representatives of law enforcement agencies on the local, state and national levels, hospitals, media outlets (both print and electronic) non-profit organizations and even some summer camps, to name just a few of the types of businesses that have signed up," said Delcore. "We encourage students to avail themselves of opportunities to develop the skills and tools to market themselves effectively in the competitive global economy that they will be entering."

In preparation for the event, the CDC is sponsoring two workshops to help students make a good impression on Career Night. "Preparing For a Career Fair," will be held Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Sixth Floor Conference Room, Kehoe Administrative Building.

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, March 24 - Friday, April 14

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7 p.m. Chopstick Competition, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8 p.m. Karen Becker & Friends, Concert presented by SUNY Music Dept. Karen Becker on piano along with other faculty in dept. Free. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Rocky Horror Picture Show, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

3 p.m. Domino Competition, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

6 p.m. Monthly Reflection Meeting and Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

12 p.m. Canada Day Table, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

12:30 p.m. Performance Class I, Applied Students required to attend. Myers Fine Arts Bldg 300.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

3 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Creating Resumes and Cover Letters," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe

6th Floor Board Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

10 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8 p.m. Fifth Annual Mr. Plattsburgh, sponsored by TAWS. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m. Quebec Studies Conference, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room and Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Dan Gordon & Friends, Dan Gordon, SUNY Plattsburgh Music Professor, and guest saxophone quintet perform. FREE. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5 p.m. Gala Buffet, sponsored by Asian Club. Algonquin Dining Room.

8 p.m. CVOS & Choral Union Concert, Guest Alum Thomas McNichol. Tickets

for students only available until Friday, Mar 31, 5 p.m. Full price at the door. All other tickets can be purchased at Peacock Music or through CVOS members. Prices TBA. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. CTA Night of One Acts, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

9 p.m. Psychic Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 1-8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

11 a.m. CVPB Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

11 a.m. Alcohol Screening Program, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Preparing for a Career Fair," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. Alcohol Screening Program, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, presents Peter Krausz, Painter. Sponsored by the

Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Faculty Jazz Concert, Music faculty perform. Rick Davies-trumpet, Herm Matlock-trumpet, Michael Angelo Fratino-guitar, John Rivers-bass, Gabe Jarrett-drums. FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7 p.m. 30th annual Career Night, sponsored by the Career Development Center. More than 50 businesses and organizations will have representatives on hand to speak with students about careers. Angell College Center, Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Jazz Movie "Buena Vista Social Club", Co-sponsored with CDPI film series & Music Dept. FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8 p.m. Jazz Fest, 30th Annual Jazz FEST with Jazzismo in residence. Dr. Rick Davies and his SUNY Jazz Ensemble & Combo perform. Tickets available at Angell College Desk and at the door. Prices \$8, \$5 & \$2. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2 p.m. Jazz Workshop with Jazzismo, Workshop with Jazzismo - In - Residence. All welcome. Free. Myers Fine Arts Bldg 300.

8 p.m. Salsa Dance, Jazzismo & Dr. Davies Jazz Ensemble & Combo to play at Plattsburgh Elks Club on Cumberland Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the Angell College Center or at the door. SALSA Dance! Lessons at 7 pm with

Burlington's Salsalina (Victoria Moore). Prices \$10, \$5 & \$2.

10 p.m. Hypnotist Dan LaRosa, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9 a.m. 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

8 p.m. Cello Concert, sponsored by Music Department. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

11:30 a.m. Sodexo Lunch & Presentation, sponsored by Sodexo. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

12:15 p.m. PSU: A Proud Past a Strong Future, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

3 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Creating Resumes

and Cover Letters," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

11:30 a.m. Dessert Social, sponsored by Sodexo. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

Champlain Valley Oratorio Society and Choral Union Present Haydn's *The Creation* April 1

The SUNY Plattsburgh Choral Union and the Champlain Valley Oratorio Society (CVOS) present Haydn's *The Creation* on Saturday, April 1 at 8 p.m., in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

One of Haydn's greatest works for chorus and orchestra, *The Creation*, will be sung in English using a translation by Robert Shaw that narrates the Biblical story of creation. The audience will be treated to a dramatic narration with beautiful choral and orchestral writing for which Haydn is well known.

The work features a full orchestra and five soloists: three of the five soloists take the role of archangels who sing the Biblical narrative in the form of dramatic recitatives and arias. In the concluding part of the oratorio, two soloists appear as Adam and Eve. Throughout the entire oratorio, the chorus comments on each of the seven days of creation.

Many of the soloists featured during the concert hail from the North Country. Tanner Knight, a tenor from Keeseville and a graduate of the Crane School of Music in Potsdam who is completing a master's degree at the University of Maryland, was one of 16 national finalists in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Vocal Competition. Knight will sing the part of archangel Uriel.

Thomas McNichols, a bass from Plattsburgh and a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University, will sing the part of archangel Raphael.

Soprano Colleen Daly, a graduate of the University of Maryland master's program, will perform the role of archangel Gabriel.

Soprano Jessica Loughman, a sophomore at SUNY Plattsburgh, will sing the part of Eve, and baritone Darrell Illenberg, a senior at the Crane School of Music, sings the role of Adam.

Tickets are available through CVOS members or Peacock Music, 53 Smithfield Boulevard, Plattsburgh. Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$12 for seniors and students; and \$5 for children under 12. SUNY Plattsburgh students can purchase tickets at a reduced SA price at the Angell College Center Information Desk until Friday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.

Upward Bound 40th Anniversary Celebration April 15

Upward Bound will celebrate 40 years of continuous funding on Saturday, April 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

SUNY Plattsburgh submitted its first grant application for federal funding in the winter of 1965. Funding was received in the spring 1966 to provide a comprehensive academic and counseling support program to 125 high school students in schools throughout the North Country.

From the first residential experience in 1966 to the present, nearly 1,500 area high school students have successfully completed the program, more than 80 percent have pursued postsecondary education immediately after high school graduation and more than 50 percent of those have completed their postsecondary programs.

This celebration will recognize the program's accomplishments and honor the alumni, past and current staff, community members and school personnel who have provided service and support during the years. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration.

Alcohol Screening Day April 5th

Individuals who believe they, or a friend, may be experiencing an alcohol problem are invited to take part in a free, anonymous alcohol screening and short presentation on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with a counselor to discuss the results of the screening and be provided with a referral if necessary.

The screening is sponsored by the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services, Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Interfraternity Council. For more information, call the center at 564-3086.

Celebration of Scholarship Highlights Faculty Work

On Wednesday, March 1, faculty and staff gathered at the second floor lobby of the Feinberg Library for the fourth annual Celebration of Scholarship, a tribute to faculty and staff accomplishments during the past academic year. The event also featured displays of faculty and staff work.

Hundreds of faculty and staff members authored books, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, articles, reports and reviews, gave professional presentations or participated in plays or concerts during the last academic year.

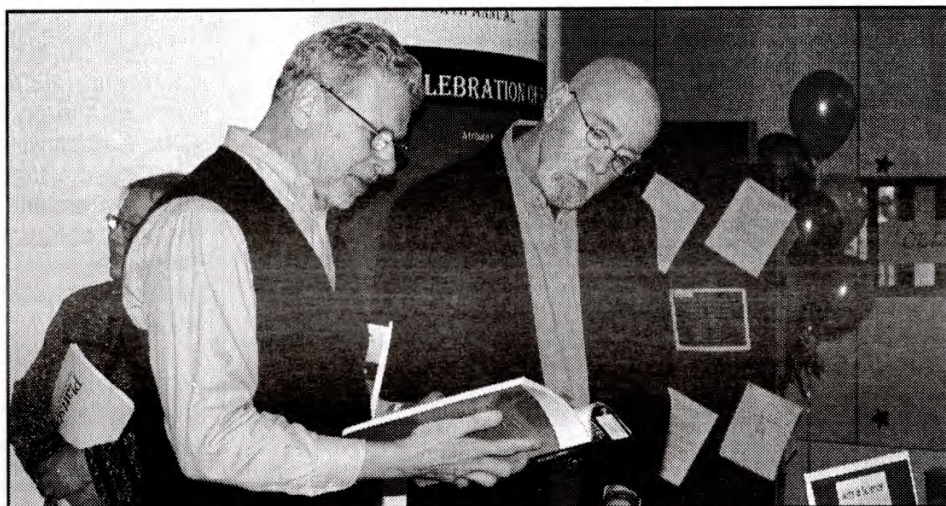
President John Ettling was impressed by the amount of diversity within the faculty and staff achievements.

"I think the range of what's in the material is great," Ettling said. "From Desmond Tutu to original scores by a music professor to translations of poetry from Portuguese to English, it's a pretty extraordinary range of high-level accomplishments."

English professor Dr. Alexis Levitin, a trendsetter of Portuguese poetry, is proud of his accomplishments in the field of Portuguese to English poetry translation.

His translations of 20th century Portuguese poetry have appeared in 21 magazines within the last year. Levitin also came out with two books during the last academic year, including *Whence Cometh the Name of Portugal*, a compilation of artwork, poems and fiction pieces about the Portugal city of Porto.

Levitin translated the poetry and a good amount of the book's fiction.



Dr. Douglas Skopp and Dr. Rodney Cavanaugh look at the display of faculty works during the Fourth Annual Celebration of Scholarship.

-- Photo by Samantha Schantz, Photography Intern

"It's a fabulous novel, and it was great to be part of that project," Levitin said. "It was a great pleasure when that book arrived."

Other achievements displayed at the celebration included two books by Dr. Jean Ouedrago, associate professor and chair of foreign languages and literature, and an article he wrote for *The French Review*.

For the last six years, members of the Communication Department, Dr. Jonathan Slater, assistant professor, Dr. Elizabeth Bernat, assistant professor, and Timothy Clukey, associate professor, have been working on understanding and analyzing the ways geographic communities communicate and show off their physical presence to the world on the World Wide Web.

The trio have been working with communities in the North Country

for the project and displayed reports with some of their findings during the celebration.

"It's exciting because the work has led us down some interesting paths and connects research and theory to helping communities in the North Country," Slater said.

Associate Professor of Economics and Finance Greg Gregoriou was honored for his book, *Hedge Funds: Insights in Performance Management, Risk, and his CD-ROM*, which also evaluated hedge funds.

"When it comes to pure faculty research, we are at the top of the list," said Dr. Robert Golden, vice president for academic affairs and provost. "We believe we have the most highly productive faculty among all the SUNY comprehensive colleges."

--Matthew Bleiberg, PR Intern



Dr. Nancy Church, distinguished service professor and chair of marketing and entrepreneurship, got a big surprise during the annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast March 17, hosted by the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce. Church was honored with the "Irishperson of the Year" Award in front of nearly 300 attendees who enjoyed the jovial morning program. The award was first presented in Plattsburgh in 1959 to Joe Bornstein and is still given out every St. Patrick's Day. The honor is given each year to those who, in the eyes of the chamber, have given back to the community in a generous manner. Past recipients have included Dr. George Angell (1960), Dr. Angelo LaMariana (1965), E. Glenn Giltz (1979) and Sen. Ronald B. Stafford (2000). Left, Church was treated to a serenade by the Cumberland Barbershoppers, who sang, "It Had to be You," for the newest "Irishperson of the Year."

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Five Students Receive Chancellor's Award

The Chancellor of the State University of New York has announced that four SUNY Plattsburgh seniors and one recent alumna have been selected to receive the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Felecia Edwards, Kimberly Davis Kleist, Allyson Lent, Jamie Prudhomme and Hira Shafqat '05 will be honored at a special ceremony at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center on Monday, April 10, in Albany.

"On behalf of SUNY Plattsburgh, I want to say how proud we are of these students," said President John Ettling. "They have worked hard and have excelled both in and out of the classroom. They have done an outstanding job in representing our College for this prestigious award."

Chancellor's Award winners must have a strong academic record as well as demonstrated significant contributions to the greater campus community.

Edwards is a senior cellular biochemistry major and criminal justice minor from Troy, N.Y. She has presented research findings at the National Association of Biology Teachers, was named the Omicron Delta Kappa Leader of the Year and has been on the Dean's List numerous semesters. She has served as a peer educator for the residence life staff, a resident assistant, a teaching assistant in the Genetics Lab and president of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She is the captain of the Plattsburgh State Women's Basketball Team.

"This is a great honor. It reflects not only my accomplishments but also is a reflection on the people who supported me: my family, friends and teachers who helped me throughout my college career," said Edwards.



Edwards



Davis Kleist



Lent



Prudhomme



Shafqat

Davis Kleist is a senior philosophy and business marketing major and accounting minor from East Hampton, N.Y. She was selected for *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*, is a student ambassador and a member of several honor societies including Phi Kappa Phi (national honor society) and Beta Gamma Sigma (AACSB national honor society).

(See Chancellor's Award, Page 4)

Students Can Win Money for Completing On-Line Survey

Are cash prizes an incentive for students to complete on-line surveys? Five students who won \$100 in Cardinal Cash last fall may think so.

As a means to encourage faculty usage of the Web Course Opinion Survey (COS) and as an incentive for students to complete the on-line survey, Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and the Dean's Cabinet established the COS Lottery for the fall and spring semesters.

Faculty members, however, must opt to use the Web COS, as opposed to its paper form, to afford their students the opportunity to win.

The on-line version of COS was initiated in fall 2003 to decrease the administrative costs associated with paper course evaluation forms.

The use of the Web COS has increased since its inception. In fall 2005, of the 1,969 courses that could have been evaluated by Web COS, 395 Web surveys, or 20 percent, were

activated by faculty. That was up from spring 2005 when 17.5 percent of the surveys were activated on the Web and fall 2004 with 17 percent activated.

The Web COS has resulted in a significant cost savings.

Golden is encouraged by the increased use of the Web COS and the positive feedback, in general, from faculty who utilize it.

(See On-Line Survey, Page 5)

Students Travel Far and Wide to Help Others

Fraternity and Sorority Members Participate in Alternative Spring Break

When you think of typical spring break locales, places that might come to mind might include Cancun or Florida. Scott's Run, an Appalachian mining community in West Virginia, would certainly not be on the list.

However, 10 SUNY Plattsburgh fraternity and sorority members called Scott's Run their home for spring break from March 11-17 as part of the annual Alternative Greek Spring Break Program.

The group was involved in various community service projects during its time in West Virginia. During the daytime, the students were divided into two groups. One group built a new porch and deck for an elderly woman, painted her ceilings and put up new insulation in her garage.

The other group helped out at the Shack Neighborhood House, a community center in the area. The pool in the Shack was losing water fast and the student volunteers

scraped paint off the pool's interior so it could be repainted and fixed.

During the early evening hours, they got together and helped run a Head Start After School Program at the Shack.

Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development and the group's site leader, was touched by the response from the people receiving help.

"There were so many people saying how appreciative they were that these fraternity and sorority members opted not to go away for spring break, but decided they wanted to volunteer their time to help other people," she said.

Julie Antonietti, a member of Alpha Phi, provides hundreds of hours of community service, including volunteer work for an ambulance corps back in her hometown of Irvington, N.Y.

However, Antonietti said nothing compares to her experience at the Shack.

"I feel like I learned something about myself, as well as the community. I wouldn't have necessarily had a chance to witness this if I hadn't gone on this program," Antonietti said. "There's no better feeling than making a difference whether it's one kid's life or a thousand kids' lives."

One of Swick-Duttine's favorite moments from the trip was the camaraderie the students created.

"I had the students over to my house last weekend for dinner, and now they're the best of friends because of the trip," she said.

Participants of Greek Alternative Spring Break can participate in the program once. Antonietti said it was her most rewarding spring break experience.

"I'm going back there this summer to visit and help," she said. "Just the satisfaction that you're doing something amazing is going to last my whole lifetime."

--Matthew Bleiberg, PR Intern

Lending a Hand in New Orleans

Eleven students from SUNY Plattsburgh gave up the typical spring break vacation to assist with relief efforts in New Orleans.

Along with more than 1,000 students from other colleges and universities across the nation, the group volunteered with Common Ground Collective - a grassroots organization established days after Hurricane Katrina. Its mission is to provide "short term relief to storm victims."

Brian Caroselli, the trip's organizer, said that this spring break was meaningful on many levels. He first learned of Common Ground through a student at Northern Arizona University where Caroselli was an exchange student last semester.

"Being in New Orleans and supporting our country's men and women was just great," said the senior environmental science major.

Volunteers at Common Ground were assigned various projects, from gutting damaged houses to delivering food and water to residents.

For one week, the SUNY Plattsburgh students gutted two houses, removed part of the Lower Ninth Ward's debris and dug soil to create garden beds in a community garden.

A typical work day lasted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Under the heat of the New Orleans' sun, they wore protective suits, goggles, respirators and work gloves. They ate food from paper plates, and slept in tents or classroom floors where electricity and water were constantly disrupted.

For junior psychology major Phoebe Allen, it was one of her best spring break vacations.

"It doesn't feel like I was just helping the residents," said Allen. "I was living like them. I was hurting like them."

During free time, the students visited the Lower Ninth Ward - New Orleans' poorest and worst-hit neighborhood by Hurricane Katrina. There, the students came face to face with the massive destruction of the storm and its aftermath.

"The destruction that we wit-



Phoebe Allen speaks with New Orleans resident Rickey Brown.

nessed was very powerful," Caroselli said. "At the same time, the Common Ground group that we worked with had so many positive energies. It was like a phoenix rising from the ashes."

After a twenty-five hour drive, they were back in Plattsburgh. The trip was long, but the experiences were all worthwhile.

"The reward that you get as a result of helping people without any personal motive is awesome. You don't feel it unless you do it," Caroselli said.

--Huong Le, PR Contributing Writer

Ethics Institute Fellows for Spring Semester

The Institute for Ethics in Public Life has three new fellows for this semester. Dr. Mark Cohen, distinguished professor in anthropology, Dr. Jurgen Kleist, professor of foreign languages and literature, and Kim Hartshorn, associate professor of theatre, are spending the semester delving into the ethical issues surrounding their fields as well as in society.

Cohen has several writing projects to complete, at least two of which are heavily involved with ethical issues.

"I'm getting a great deal of individual feedback, aside from the formal discussions," said Cohen. "This has been a great growth experience thus far. I teach about all of the areas in which I am working, evolution: racism and health. I have already integrated thoughts about all three into my mental class outlines. The intellectual break has all of the best qualities of a well structured sabbatical, and I feel a bit recharged."

Kleist is studying the subject of inter-cultural communication (ICC), which is the exchange of ideas, opinions and experiences between members of different cultures, and its ethical implications.



Left to right: Dr. E. Thomas Moran, Kim Hartshorn, Dr. Jurgen Kleist, Dr. Douglas Skopp and Dr. Mark Cohen.

"Over the years, the Ethics Institute has acquired a high reputation, and I saw an opportunity to participate in the discussions, which center around ethical issues," said Kleist. "This has been a very fruitful experience. In addition to being exposed to differing viewpoints, some members of the center are planning a major film symposium for spring 2007."

Hartshorn is furthering his understanding of elements in philosophical and ethical theories that he has previously encountered, largely peripherally, in the study of his own area. He is also interested in under-

standing and identifying connections from within theatre to the larger context of society

"I feel that one of the great advantages to higher education is the opportunity to reflect introspectively on our roles and responsibilities within society in a manner that qualitatively adds to what we are doing. It makes a good education better," said Hartshorn. "My time at the institute has already proved immensely beneficial to both myself and my students."

Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and college historian, was named interim director of the institute while Dr. E. Thomas Moran, the institute's founder and director, is serving as interim vice president of Institutional Advancement this semester.

"Dr. Skopp has been involved at the institute since its inception seven years ago," said Moran. "He has attended every seminar and colloquy since then and has been intensely involved in almost every aspect of the institute's development. Moreover, his broad learning and his gentle humanity have always contributed immensely to the experience of fellows while they are in residence."

Students Help Community Members File Tax Forms

Eleven Plattsburgh State accounting students are helping North Country community members with their 2005 tax returns through the AARP Tax-Aide Preparation Site at the Senior Citizens Council of Clinton County, which is located in the former Seton Catholic School in Plattsburgh.

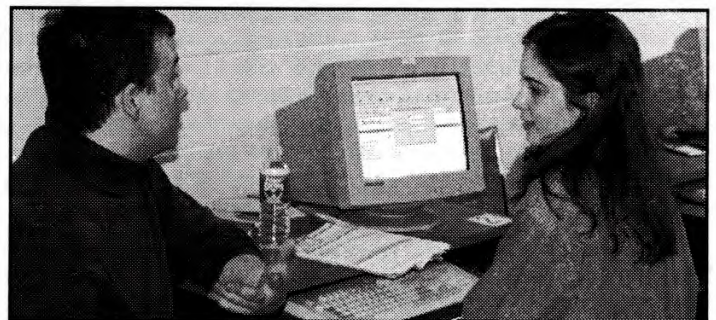
These students have been volunteering at the tax-aid site, which is a free service for anyone that needs help with standard tax forms. The site helped approximately 1,000 taxpayers filling out forms during the first two weeks of February.

The site will remain open until Friday, April 14.

"The students have been great," said Marcia LaPierre, programmer analyst for computer information systems at SUNY Plattsburgh and the tax-aid site supervisor. "It has been a win-win situation. Students have learned a lot and we've had more help for the taxpayers. Students are receiving good, practical experience and gaining confidence in dealing with the public."

Dr. Mohammed Gaber, associate professor and chair of accounting, and Art Tucker, director of career opportunities and internships, are the coordinators for the SUNY Plattsburgh student volunteer program.

"The goal of the program is two-fold," said Gaber. "The



Accounting students help members of the community fill out their tax forms.

students involved in the program are getting a chance to volunteer their time to help members of the community while they gain valuable experience in tax preparation and electronic filing."

Gaber also said that the students receive one college credit for their work at the site.

The students participating at the site are Kerrick Bogle, Jing Liu, Ariskelmys Pimentel, Yan Xi Feng, Mary McElroy, John Sabec, Natalie Douglas, Patrick Ruhland, Ashely Shaw, Constantino Marra and Wei Miu Liu.

Student Athletes Honored at Academic Luncheon

Scores of Plattsburgh State players were recognized at the Sixth Annual Student-Athletes Academic Honors Luncheon Wednesday, March 29, in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

Athletics academic coordinator Michael Miranda announced new inductees of Chi Alpha Sigma, a national collegiate athlete honor society; Semmler Award winners, given to a male and female with the highest cumulative grade-point average; and all-academic team recipients from both the State University of New York Athletic Conference and SUNY Plattsburgh campus.

Senior Jamie Prudhomme, a softball outfielder from Cohoes High School, was the female winner of the Semmler Award. With a 3.99 GPA, the biology major boasts the highest overall academic average among Plattsburgh State student-athletes. She started all but two of the Cardinals' 42 games during her junior year, when she was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association All-Scholar Team.

The male Semmler Award recipient is Jon Dumas, a senior catcher/third baseman from Burke, N.Y. A criminal justice major with a 3.71 GPA, Dumas last season earned all-region and first-team all-SUNYAC accolades after he led the Cardinals in batting average (.397), home runs (5), runs batted in (35) and slugging percentage (.588).

The College Class of 2006 Chi Alpha Sigma inductees were Rene Klementowski (women's basketball senior), Angela Roy (women's tennis junior) and Samantha Schantz (women's tennis senior).

The Provost's List, comprised of student-athletes with highest semester GPAs, includes sophomore Allison Busby



Michael Miranda congratulates Semmler Award-winner Jamie Prudhomme.

(3.91) of women's cross country/track, Klementowski (3.95), Prudhomme (4.00), junior Yvette Rada (3.91) of women's soccer and senior Gena Rosenbaum (3.93) of women's soccer on the first team.

The Plattsburgh State All-Academic First Team (five-highest cumulative GPAs with minimum two semesters) was comprised of Busby (3.91), Dumas, sophomore Miho Hosono (3.88) of volleyball, junior Jenny Hutchinson (3.71) of women's track and field, sophomore Alexander Jinks (3.71) of men's track and Prudhomme.

Rounding out the major awards was the Plattsburgh State All-Rookie Team (five-highest semester GPAs among new students): freshman Lindsay Littman (3.93) of women's ice hockey, freshman Megan Lynch (3.84) of women's basketball, sophomore Wilberforce Osei (3.93) of men's track, freshman Erik Schwind (3.80) of baseball and sophomore Jennifer Taft (3.80) of women's track.

Chancellor's Award (Continued from Page 1)

"The award is in recognition of the work I've done academically and in supporting the campus community," said Davis Kleist. "I believe students who become involved get much more out of their college experience than those who just go to classes."

Lent, a psychology, English literature and music major from Mattydale, N.Y., has served as a lab research assistant in the Neurobehavioral Science Lab, the Cognitive Psychology Lab and the Social Psychology Lab. She is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Music honor and has volunteered with the American Red Cross. She is also a member of Psi Chi, (psychology honor society); Sigma Tau Delta, (English honor society); and Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society).

"Plattsburgh gave me the best possible foundation. It will be sad to leave," said Lent. "There were so many opportunities for me here.

When I talk to my friends at other schools, they just don't have the opportunities I've had."

Prudhomme, a biology major from Cohoes, N.Y., has excelled both as a student and as an athlete. She is a member of the Cardinal Softball Team and the recipient of the Richard Semmler Award, which is given to a male and female student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Chi Alpha Sigma, (national college athlete honor society). Prudhomme has been actively involved in research regarding the Y chromosome with faculty mentor Dr. Nancy Elwess.

"This award reflects four years of hard and dedicated work, and it's an honor to receive it," said Prudhomme. "I'll miss softball and competitive athletics. I love it, and I'm just trying to relish every moment of my last season. I'll miss the hell out of my teammates. They are like family."

Shafqat, originally from Karachi, Pakistan, graduated in December 2005 with a degree in accounting and business. She was chosen the student speaker for the Commencement Ceremony. She was an outstanding student as well as a very active one on campus. Among her many activities, she was a resident assistant in Wilson Hall, a founding member of the International Student Service Committee and treasurer of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

"When I first came to Plattsburgh, I wasn't that involved, but then as I made friends from different countries, they were really helpful in talking to me about joining different groups," she said last December. "I first became involved with SIFE as the vice president. From there, I became a resident assistant then started doing community service. I had excellent people to guide me."

Students Compete for National Broadcasting Awards

The SUNY Plattsburgh Communication Department has announced that six of its students were named finalists in the National Broadcasting Society Student Electronic Media Competition.



Communication students travel to Washington, D.C.

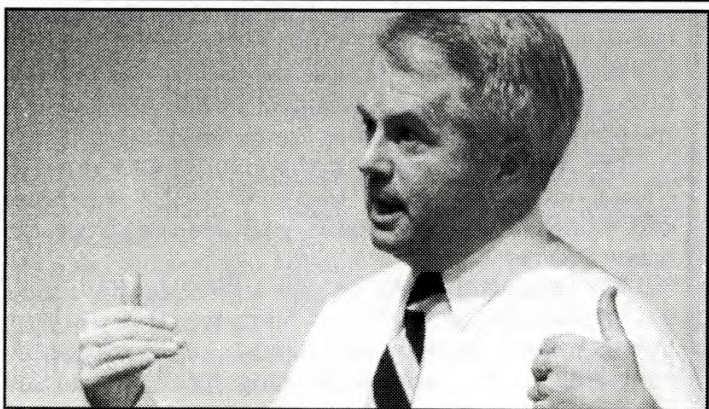
Jared Stanley was named the national winner in the industrial/promotional program for his "Student Association Election Special" piece on PSTV.

Students Stephanie Hunter, Phil Ada, Make Cameron and Michelle Cummings were national runner-ups in the commercial category for their PSTV commercial, "We're Here." Jay Lewin won the national runner-up title for his work on the Plattsburgh State's chapter of the National Broadcasting Society Website.

The awards were given at the National Broadcasting Awards Banquet March 18 in Washington, D.C.

"These students did a very good job," said Christine Johnson, assistant professor of communication, who traveled with the students. "SUNY Plattsburgh has a very competitive communication program. These awards show that we've raised the bar as far as instruction and as a department, and our students have stepped up to the plate. I'm very proud of them. It is impressive competing on a national level."

The students also participated in a number of other events while in Washington, D.C., including panel discussions presented by communication professionals as well as reviewing the work of students from other universities.



Poet, Bassist and Drummer to Give Presentation April 13

Poet David Buddbill, bassist William Parker and drummer Hamid Drake will give a presentation, "Songs for Life," on Thursday, April 13 at 8 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

Buddbill is the author of seven books of poems, eight plays, a novel, a collection of short stories, a picture book for children, dozens of essays and book reviews, the libretto for an opera and is a performance poet on two CDs. He was also a commentator on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.

Buddbill, Parker and Drake released the CD, *Songs for a Suffering World: A Prayer for Peace, a Protest Against War*, in 2003.

The presentation is sponsored by the English Department's Visiting Poets and Writers Series, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science, the Nina Winkel Humanities Fund and Campus Life, and coordinated by Dr. Alexis Levitin, professor of English. This event is co-sponsored by Poets and Writers, Inc., through public funds that it has received from the New York State Council on the Arts.



Assemblyman Chris Ortloff was the guest speaker for the "Profiles in Commitment Lecture Series" on March 23. Ortloff discussed how he became involved in politics and the meaning of this engagement for both his professional and personal life. He talked about the individuals he encountered throughout his life who influenced his service in public life. As part of the American Democracy Project, the "Profiles in Commitment Lecture Series" features local, regional, and national speakers discussing how they became engaged in local, statewide, or national political or social issues. The American Democracy Project was established at SUNY Plattsburgh in spring 2003 to encourage students to engage in civic mindedness through experience.

On-Line Survey (Continued from Page 1)

"I understand that it is difficult to reach faculty consensus on a universally acceptable course evaluation instrument," said Golden. "I encourage faculty who use COS to use its Web version since it is less expensive for the College and automatically creates statistical information for faculty that they would otherwise have to create them-

selves."

Once again this spring, after final grades are processed, five \$100 Cardinal Cash prizes will be awarded to five randomly selected students who complete the Web COS.

For more information, contact the Provost's Office at 564-5402.

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, April 7 - Wednesday, May 3

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8 p.m. 30th Annual Jazz FEST with Jazzismo in residence. Dr. Rick Davies and his SUNY Jazz Ensemble & Combo perform. Tickets available at Angell College Desk and at the door. Prices \$8, \$5 & \$2. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2 p.m. Jazz Workshop with Jazzismo. All welcome. Free. Myers Fine Arts Bldg 300.

8 p.m. Salsa Dance, Jazzismo & Dr. Davies Jazz Ensemble & Combo to play at Plattsburgh Elks Club on Cumberland Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the Angell College Center or at the door. SALSA Dance! Lessons at 7 pm with Burlington's Salsalina (Victoria Moore). Prices \$10, \$5 & \$2. Myers 300.

10 p.m. Hypnotist Dan LaRosa, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9 a.m. 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Class, sponsored by Student Association. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

11:30 a.m. Sodexo Lunch & Presentation. Angell Center Warren Ballroom B.

12:15 p.m. PSU: A Proud Past a Strong Future, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

3 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Creating Resumes and Cover Letters." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

12 p.m. Speakers Series Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

11:30 a.m. Dessert Social, sponsored by Sodexo. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

2 p.m. Upward Bound 40th Anniversary Celebration. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

10 p.m. Gong Show, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:30 p.m. Cron Lecture Series - Dr. John Ettling, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

10 a.m. Nursing Showcase of

Art & Science. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

11 a.m. Media Ethics Symposium, sponsored by Journalism Dept. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

12:30 p.m. Gallery Music Recital, sponsored by Music Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

7 p.m. Depression & Suicide in College Students Workshop, sponsored by SNAPS. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles Concert I. Free. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 p.m. Greek Idol, sponsored by Fraternity/Sorority Life. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

Omega Phi Beta Upcoming Events

A series of events are scheduled for Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 14 as Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. at SUNY Plattsburgh celebrates its Annual Week of Illumination. This year's theme is R.E.M.I.N.I.S.C.E. - Roots Education the Mind, It Nurtures Infinitely, as the Soul Changes Effortlessly.

The week kicks off with "The DaVinci Code: Truth or Fiction," which is co-sponsored with Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. The roundtable discussion will be held on Monday, April 10, at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

The group will host a Beta Bongo Environmental Health Table in the Angell College Center on Tuesday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information on women's health will be available. At 8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center, the sorority will host "Examination of Violence Against Women" featuring the film, *Searching for Angela Shelton*. This event is co-sponsored by the Violence Prevention Project.

On Wednesday, April 12, the group invites interested individuals to join the "March for Roe," a pro choice and women's abortion rights walk starting from the Amite Plaza at 7 p.m.

Balloons will be drifting skyward during the sorority's "Floating Away" event on Thursday, April 13. Stop by the Amite Plaza between 12 and 2 p.m. when participants will put their issues and feelings into a balloon and let them go.

The week winds down on Friday, April 14, when the sorority will host a table in the Angell College Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. With supplies provided by Omega Phi Beta, individuals will be able to create a cultural flag.

All events are free and open to the public.

8 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert. Free. Concert directed by Daniel Gordon, music faculty. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

12:30 p.m. Alternative Breaks Showcase Presentation, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series presents "Developing a Job Portfolio." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

7 p.m. CDPI Film and WRAP Series, presents "Far From Heaven." The Series is free of charge and open to all. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

8 p.m. Choral Fest Concert, Performance by Choral Union, Minor Adjustments, Cardinal Singers, & College Chorale. Tickets at the door or at Angell Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

3 p.m. Take Back the Night, sponsored by Center for Womyn's Concerns. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

8 p.m. Minor Adjustments Invitational. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1 p.m. Club Caribbean Brunch. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

3 p.m. Bingo Night, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

3 p.m. Concert with Faculty Karen Becker on piano and other faculty from Music Dept perform. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Organizing an Effective Job Search." Stop by

Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8 p.m. "Calabash - A night of Cultural Performances", sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4 p.m. The North Country Distinguished Business Address, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

4 p.m. Student Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean Nightly Events. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

11 a.m. Taste of the Caribbean. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles II, Free. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean Panel Discussion. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

11 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8 p.m. Diversity Enlightenment Session, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College

Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean Nightly Events. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7 p.m. Ms. P.S.U. Caribbean Pageant. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

7 p.m. Springfest Concert, sponsored by Student Association. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

10 p.m. Board Game Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night.

Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. Performance Class. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 p.m. Guitar Concert, Free concert. Guitar Ensemble directed by Michael Angelo Fratino. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

Visiting Fulbright Scholar to Give Public Lecture

Dr. Henry Milner, a visiting Fulbright Scholar at SUNY Plattsburgh, will present a public lecture, "Why Johnny Doesn't Vote: How Political Institutions in the United States and Canada Discourage Democratic Participation," on Tuesday, April 11 at 3 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. The lecture, sponsored by Canadian Studies and the Honors Program, is free and open to the public.

Spring 2006 Cron Lectures

This spring's Cron Lecture Series on religious-studies topics will include very two special presentations.

Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

The Bluegrass Gospel Project will give a musical lecture/performance The Bluegrass Gospel Project, a band well known for its performances at First Night in Burlington and around the Northeast, will present a musically illustrated lecture on the historical roots, musical composition and religious themes of the bluegrass gospel tradition on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Brinkerhoff Street. Admission is free. The band includes SUNY Plattsburgh's own Dr. Steve Light on banjo and guitar and will present the first musical program in the lecture series to date.

Monday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

President John Ettling will lecture on the religious foundations of Rockefeller and other philanthropies as described in his book, *The Germ of Laziness*, which examines the public health campaign to eradicate the hookworm epidemic, on Monday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

The Cron Lecture Series is sponsored by the Protestant Campus Ministry at SUNY Plattsburgh and named for the ministry's founder, Rev. Karl Cron. For more information, contact Robert Harsh at 564-2293.

Students Study Abroad in Martinique

A group of five students joined Dr. Jean Ouedraogo, associate professor and chair of foreign languages and literature, for a unique study abroad experience in Martinique last month.

The trip was part of the Etudes Francophones course (FLL448).

The course and trip were organized to carry out the Chancellor's Award for Internationalization, which Ouedraogo was honored to receive last fall.

"The aim of the course and trip was to offer an opportunity to students to learn about Martinique as a multiracial, multiethnic society at the crossroad of Latin American, African, French, Oriental and indigenous cultures and influences and the vibrancy, which has produced key literary concepts such as *Négritude*, *Antillanité*, and *Créolité*."

The students met with Ouedraogo in classroom sessions before heading to Martinique March 9 – 21. During the pre-travel portion of the course, the focus was on various issues of a literary and cultural nature, including question of identity, race, class, education and language pertinent to Martinique and the French Caribbean in general.

While in Martinique, the students took intensive courses at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane. The group was provided four scholars, three classroom teachers and

a teacher who guided the students on two full-day excursions. They were all selected by the Institut Supérieur d'Etudes Francophones and their fields of expertise were economics, literature, music and geography.

Kathryn Konstanty, who received her undergraduate degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in December 2005, is taking the course as a graduate student. She is currently a French teacher at the Beekmantown Middle School.

"The experience was wonderful, not only in the classroom aspect, but I had a great host family who was eager to share their culture," said Konstanty. "I was also able to visit a high school in Martinique, and I am still conversing with several students I met via email."

This was not the first study abroad experience for Konstanty who spent a year in France during her undergraduate career.

"I was able to compare the French culture in France to the French culture in the French colony of Martinique. It was really interesting to experience the two."

One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity the students had to meet with Aime Cesaire, the long-time mayor of Fort-de-France and a member of the Martinique parliament.



Dr. Ouedraogo and the students in FLL 448 with dancers on Martinique.

Cesaire is also a published author of poetry and plays.

"He is the founder of the literary movement in Martinique," said Ouedraogo. "For us to meet him was absolutely amazing. He's an influential scholar and quite a living legend. It was an honor to be received by him."

Joseph Koehring, a graduate student majoring in French, said the experience was exciting.

"The highlights of my trip were many, but I really enjoyed listening to the *bele drums*," said Koehring. "I also learned that there is local honey production on the island, which grabbed my attention because I am a master beekeeper. I was taken on a trip to the northern part of the island to see a beeyard located across an immense lush tropical valley on the edge of a cliff. Wow is all I can say."

Summer just got better at SUNY Plattsburgh

Students will get what they always wanted this summer at SUNY Plattsburgh: guaranteed courses. Barring "acts of God" or totally unforeseen conditions, all summer courses will be offered, provided the course has at least one student enrolled.

Students will not have to worry about last minute course cancellations as they did in the past. They can plan their summers with the assurance that Summer Session courses will be available – a guarantee that most colleges don't offer.

The College made this change to better serve students and help ensure that Summer Session remains a viable and integral part of the academic offerings.

This will also be the first summer that more than 50 on-line courses will be offered. This increase in on-line courses makes it more convenient for students to obtain credits from SUNY Plattsburgh if they return to their hometowns, work full-time or travel throughout the summer.

Students can catch up, get ahead or improve their GPA with more than 200 guaranteed courses. Summer Session

registration began April 2 and continues until courses begin.

There are three convenient summer sessions:

Session A: May 22 - June 2

This two-week intensive session permits students to complete up to three-credit hours by the beginning of June. A great session for students who want to take a course during Summer Session, but have to return to their hometown for the remainder of the summer or work a full-time job.

Session B: June 5 - July 7

This session allows students to finish one or more courses before mid-summer. The majority of SUNY Plattsburgh's course offerings take place during Session B.

Session C: July 10 - August 11

This session accommodates students who prefer mid-summer study, especially working teachers that are taking graduate courses.

For more information about summer session and the courses available, go to: www.plattsburgh.edu/summer

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Spring Open House Welcomes Students, Families

More Than 1,000 Prospective Students and Families Expected on Campus

For more than 25 years, the Office of Admissions at SUNY Plattsburgh has hosted Spring Open House. This year's Open House, which will be held on Saturday, April 22, will be attended by approximately 1,000 individuals, including accepted high school seniors, prospective high school juniors, transfer students and parents.

Spring Open House is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. after registration and refreshments. The general information session will be held in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall where guests will be welcomed by President John Ettling, Student Association Executive Vice President Kim Garrison, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs William Laundry and Admissions Advisor Carrie Woodward.

Following this session, currently enrolled SUNY Plattsburgh students will lead small group tours of prospective students and their families around campus to see residence and dining halls, academic buildings and the fitness center.

The groups will finish the tour at the Angell College Center where an undergraduate academic and student services fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



One of the highlights of Open House is the small group campus tours, led by student tour guides.

At the undergraduate academic fair, prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty from all academic majors and minors available at Plattsburgh State.

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First-Year Programs Show Successful Results

First-Year Programs at SUNY Plattsburgh have had a tremendously successful year. That is what recent data suggests.

Part of that success is shown through persistence rates, or retention rates, of first-year students as well as the overall rate for all students. Both of these rates have increased this year by more than 1 percent.

From fall 2005 to spring 2006, 90.9 percent of first-year students remained enrolled at SUNY Plattsburgh. That's compared to the persistence rate of about 89 percent a year ago (fall 2004 to spring 2005).

"Our retention efforts have been more successful than we had even

hoped," said Peter Luguri '73 G'79, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of First-Year Programs and Retention Efforts. "Our overall goal is to also improve the quality of undergraduate education at SUNY Plattsburgh. An increase in the retention rates is a by-product of that endeavor."

The persistence rate really demonstrates an impact on those freshmen who are participating in the Whiteface Initiative for Student Engagement. These students live in Whiteface Residence Hall where they are split into groups of 30 and assigned a "Connection Team," which consists of a resident assistant, two resident men-

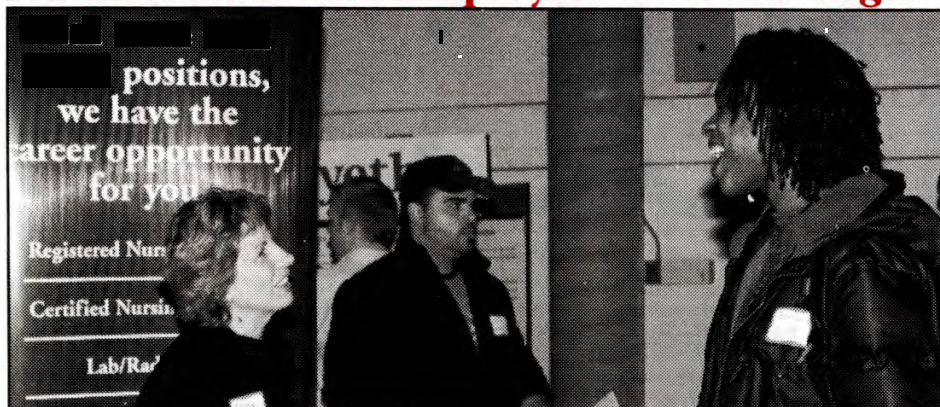
tors and a faculty mentor. Teams provide support for the first-year students in every aspect of their academic and social lives while they work their way through their first year at college.

In fall 2004, of the 150 freshmen who lived in Whiteface Hall, more than 87 percent returned in spring 2005. In this academic year, 230 freshmen students participated in WISE and more than 95 percent returned for the spring semester.

"That's a nine percent increase, which is statistically significant," said Luguri. "In addition to these persistence rates, from the responses we've

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Students Talk with Employers at Career Night



-- Photo by Samantha Schantz, Photography Intern

Students had an opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of businesses and organizations during the 30th annual Career Night, April 6.

The Career Development Center (CDC) helps students figure out their career goals and how to achieve them. The CDC offers a myriad of services and events for students when it comes to investigating career choices and employment opportunities.

Career Night emphasizes informa-

tion exchange and provides the opportunity for students to broaden their perspectives on career options. Approximately 60 organizations attended Career Night.

Along with answering questions and presenting career and professional information, some employers also provided information about part-time and summer employment, internships and cooperative education opportunities as well as employment for graduating seniors.



The Upward Bound Program recently hosted its 40th anniversary celebration, which recognized the program's accomplishments and honored the alumni, past and current staff, community members and school personnel who have provided service and support. From the first residential experience in 1966 to the present, nearly 1,500 area high school students have successfully completed the program. Above, Upward Bound Director, Elaine Leavitt, talks with a recent alumna of the program during the celebration.

President John Ettling recently gave the presentation, "Man's Medicine, God's Money: The Religious Roots of American Philanthropy," as part of the College/Community Scholars Series of the Karl Cron Lecture Program. Ettling talked about, among other topics, the Philanthropy of Carnegie and Rockefeller in the latter part of the 19th and early 20th centuries. His lecture was the first in a new series of Cron Lectures that feature campus and community scholars. The annual Cron Lecture Program is sponsored by the ecumenical Protestant Campus Ministry and its supporting churches. It is named in memory of Rev. Karl Cron, who founded the campus ministry in 1973.



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received through the Quality of Life Survey, the students perceive themselves to be more engaged."

Due to its success, the WISE Program will be expanded next fall to include freshman students living in Wilson Hall. That means that nearly half of all first year students living on campus will be a part of the WISE Program.

"I'd like to thank President John Ettling, Provost Robert Golden and Vice President Bill Laundry for their support of this initiative," said Luguri.

"Special praise should go to Bryan Hartman (director of residence life) and the residence life staff who have committed themselves to the first year students and their success. I'd also like to commend the faculty mentors who have been such an important part of the program's early success."

Next academic year, The First Year Experience Office will also introduce several new programs that will focus on engaging freshmen in the other residence halls on campus and those who live off-campus.

The First Year Experience offers many activities and programs for freshmen students. A few of these include several orientation programs, seminar classes, academic support services, academic advising, mentoring, campus-wide celebrations and early warning intervention programs.

Planning for future programs will continue through the First Year Council, which is a group of about 20 faculty, staff and students from across campus.

The Art and Business of Tea

The Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism (HRT) Management Department in the School of Business and Economics recently hosted "An Introduction to the Art and Business of Tea" in Samuel D's Restaurant in Sibley Hall.

Kathryn Musso Lacey from the Tea Cottage in Moriah, N.Y., presented an innovative talk about tea. Participants learned the rituals of high and low tea, including the history of tea and the way to properly brew various tea leaves.

Audience members, which included faculty and students, were able to smell various exotic tea leaves that were on display in Samuel D's.

The two-hour demonstration included tea tastings that were paired with accompaniments prepared by HRT students.

"The 'Teaology' Program was a tremendous success," said John Parmelee, member of the HRT faculty. "We utilized our facility to provide both students and faculty a showcase educational experience."



Senior Art Show Opens April 22

More than 250 works by 23 SUNY Plattsburgh studio artists and four art historians will be on display during the 2006 Senior Exhibition, which opens Saturday, April 22 with artist lectures from 3 to 4 p.m. and a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Burke Gallery, Myers Fine Arts Building. The lectures and reception are free and open to the public.

The exhibit will be on display in the Burke and Myers Lobby galleries through May 20.

The works being presented includes sculptures, paintings, drawings, printmaking pieces, ceramic, photography and graphic design work produced by students in the art department. The exhibition was created by the seniors in the show as part of their Museum Studies classes.

"Both the materials in the exhibition itself and the process of presenting it have been part of the art learning process," said Edward Brohel, director of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum.

The artists included in the show are Kimberly Ames, Rachel Barde, Andrea Becker, Scott Bigelow, Sean Cayea, Ryan Collette, Jeremiah Cross, Jessica Denaro, Patricia Detweiler, Anthony Fitzsimmons, Naresh Francois, Gerald Gardner, Elizabeth Grades, Christina Hasel, Gregory Hines, Ashley Hudson, Brent Johnson, Henrietta Keith, Whitney Kuriger, Benjamin Plante, Graeme Richardson, William Ruller, Samantha Schantz, Vincent Schunk, Barbara Wheeler, Natsuiki Takiguchi and Robert Ziemba.

"As artists, we express our experiences, beliefs and ideas through what we create," said Anthony Fitzsimmons. "We send out messages through our work. There are many different aspects of art. When combined, we construct a more complex piece of artwork. SUNY Plattsburgh has taught me the necessary skills on how to become a more versatile graphic designer."

SUNY Plattsburgh has New Handicap-Accessible Van

Handicapped students at SUNY Plattsburgh who are mobility-impaired will benefit from a new van in the College's fleet of vehicles.

The handicap conversion minivan includes a wheelchair ramp, and can accommodate up to two wheelchairs.

"In addition to it being the law, it is important that, as the SUNY four-year campus with the largest population of students with disabilities, we provide full access to every activity for all our students," said Dr. Michele Carpentier, director of student support services. "It's not just the law - it's the right thing to do."

The 2000 Dodge Converted Minivan was purchased from Doug Durocher.

"Mr. Durocher was very helpful in the campus purchasing his van, and in training me how to use all the different features for the safety of wheelchaired

passengers riding inside," said Gina Doty, van transportation coordinator and mail center operations manager.

Michael Cashman, president of the student association, said that the new van will allow handicapped students to engage in activities that were previously limited.

"This van will allow resident assistants, clubs, organizations, teams and class trips to assure no one is left behind," said Cashman, a 2003 SUNY Plattsburgh undergraduate from Ballston Spa, N.Y. "I am proud that the College has made this investment not only in the van, but its students."

The exact same procedures are followed for requesting any state vehicle by sending Doty the form, "Request for a CAS/State Vehicle," which is



William Laundry, Michael Cashman, Michele Carpentier, Julie Maury and Gina Doty.

found on the Web at <http://www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/admin/businessaffairs/facilities/forms.php>

For this van, the driver must be License Event Notification System (LENS) certified and receive training from Doty on all the safety features and how to restrain the wheelchair and passenger in the van.

Students Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

SUNY Plattsburgh recently honored the outstanding academic achievements of more than 70 junior, senior and graduate students at the annual induction ceremony into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (PKP).

PKP, the oldest and largest of national honor societies, is dedicated to fostering "love of learning" and recognizing outstanding academic achievement among students and faculty. During the ceremony, Dr. Lise Heroux, professor of marketing and entrepreneurship and Plattsburgh PKP chapter president, Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Jo Ellen Miano, professor of music, and Dr. James Csipak, associate professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, inducted the new members of PKP.

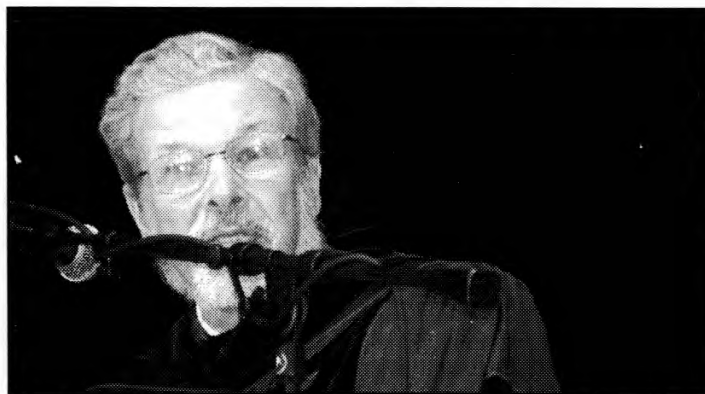
To be eligible for induction in PKP, graduate students must be in the top 10 percent while seniors and juniors should be in the top 7.5 percent of their respective classes. This year's inductees were:

Graduate students

Lily K. Ballantyne, Molly Burch, Molly Chandler, Erica Deyo, Anna Gadway, Lance Hamm and Lori Sautter.

Seniors

John Baudhuin, Erica Blanchard, Melissa Brooks, Anthony Collins, Jaclyne Demarse-Marcil, Brian Didier, Dorothy M. Fuller, Aileen Patrice Galazin, Jennifer Garbera, Jenna Garrand, Kelly Garrand, Marilu Gresens, Tracy Guynup, Alexandra Halfond, Jacinda Headley, Nicholas Henderson, Jenny Hutchinson, Yukiko Inoue, Megan Jensen, Brittany Kruzinski, Allyson Lent, Michael Luciano, Anika Lyndaker, Rachael Martindale, Rachel Moore, Christopher Morales, Edward F. Neuburger, Amanda Pankovcin, Candice Patinka, Lydia McKenna Pearson, Martha Pedulla, Parker Phelps, Eric Rigby, Brenda Roberts, Gina Rosenbaum, Angela Rotella, Athena Rufa, Christina M. Ryzner, Erin Schmidt, Amanda Senecal, Sheila Shepard, Ashley Smith, Hunter



Dr. Douglas Skopp, college historian and distinguished teaching professor of history, was the guest speaker for the Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony held April 9.

Sweet, Ross Tillman, Timothy Warren, Sherry Wheeler, James Whitford and Sean Williams.

Juniors

Jeremy Bauerle, Renee Ann Bonneau, Kristen Buck, Vega Dunsmore, Noah Fitzgerald, Chris Gebhardt, Amber Golden, Emily Mosher, Sarah Ann Pellerin, Craig Seybolt, Jessica Rose Slemons and Eslyn Yearwood

Two faculty members were also inducted into PKP. Dr. Anna Battigelli, associate professor of English, and Dr. Richard Schnell '70 G'72, professor of counselor education, were inducted based on high academic standards and services to the College and community.

Recent alumna, Yassmeen Abdulhamid '05, won the award for Graduate Fellowship Nominee and Sudeakka Francis won the Sophomore Award in recognition for writing the outstanding essay in a competition.



Panel Discusses Ethics in the News Media

The Journalism Department recently hosted an "Ethics in the News Media" panel discussion. Panelists included Bob Grady, editor in chief of the *Plattsburgh Press-Republican*; Lois Clermont, news editor of the *Press-Republican*; Oksana Poltavets, editor in chief of *Cardinal Points*, the student newspaper; Stephanie Gorin from WPTZ; and professors from the journalism and communication departments at SUNY Plattsburgh. The discussion focused on real-life local case studies. Members of the audience participated by asking questions to the panelists and making comments on the issues raised during the discussion.

Open House (Continued from Page 1)

Representatives from the Student Association will also be on hand to answer any questions.

The student services fair will feature representatives from offices on campus, including Campus Housing and Residence Life, Career Services,

Transfer Services, Financial Aid, Student Health Center, Study Abroad, Dining Services and college athletics.

Richard Higgins '76 G'78, associate vice president for enrollment management and director of admissions, said, "The most important compo-

nent of each open house is the opportunity to talk directly to enrolled students, student services staff members and the faculty, thereby allowing prospective students to discern whether SUNY Plattsburgh is the best 'fit' for their college destination."

Students Travel to Niagara University for Conference

Three SUNY Plattsburgh students had the opportunity to present at a recent conference hosted by Niagara University in Niagara, N.Y., in association with the Consulate General of Canada (Buffalo) and the Consulate General of the United States (Toronto).

"Crossing Borders" is a multi-disciplinary annual student conference on the United States, Canada and border issues. Students from a variety of institutions in both the United States and Canada participated in this year's conference.

Patrick Furman, a senior Canadian studies major from Plattsburgh, presented, "The Patriot Wars of the Late 1830s." William Hansen, a sophomore accounting major with a Canadian studies minor from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., presented, "The North American Free Trade Agreement." The third SUNY Plattsburgh presenter was freshman Canadian studies major Nicholas Ostroy who discussed, "If it's Good for Wal-Mart, is it Good for Canada?"

"This was a good experience that helped me to learn the progression from writing a paper to presenting it at a conference," said Furman. "It was one of my cornerstone achievements as a student of SUNY Plattsburgh."

Hansen said he learned a lot from presenting to a room full of people.



William Hansen, Dr. Mark Richard, Patrick Furman and Nicholas Ostroy at Niagara University.

"I learned a lot from this experience, especially about public speaking," said Hansen.

Ostroy, who is also double majoring in history, said his future goals including getting a doctorate in history.

"I've always been told I'd make a good professor," said Ostroy. "When I first got up there to give my presentation, it was intimidating. But after I started, it felt very natural. I walked off feeling very rewarded."

The students were joined by Dr. Mark Richard, associate director of the Center for the Study of Canada, who also moderated a panel at the conference.

"I felt very proud of these students," said Richard.

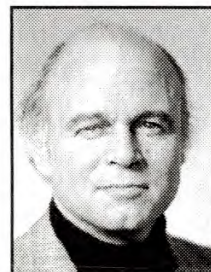
Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Tracie Church Guzzio, assistant professor of English, wrote the essay "'All My Father's Texts: The Historical Vision in the Work of John Edgar Wideman," which appears in the recent collection, *Critical Essays on John Edgar Wideman* edited by Bonnie Tushman and Keith Byerman (University of Tennessee Press). Another essay on Wideman, "Courtside: The Literary Career of John Edgar Wideman" was recently published in the book, *In the Game: Race, Identity and Sports in the Twentieth Century* edited by Amy Bass (Palgrave/Macmillan).

Dr. Alexis Levitin, professor of English, has been selected to take part in a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar. He will be in residence for five weeks this summer at Arizona State University working on translations in conjunction with studies focused on urban Brazilian fiction. In March, Levitin attended the annual conference of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs in Austin, Texas where he participated in the panel, "Enrique to Ricky: Translation of Latin and Luso-American Poetry from Inception to Publication." While in Texas, he lectured on "Translating Clarice Lispector: The Stylistics of Love" at Texas State University at San Marcos. He also lectured on "The Nitty-Gritty of Poetic Translation" for the Austin Area Translators and Interpreters Association. He then traveled to Louisiana where he



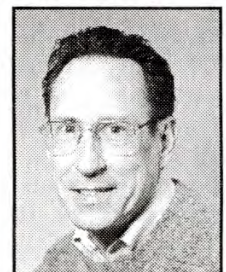
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lectured on "Translating the Music of Poetry" at Grambling State University and at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Most recently, he has had translations accepted in the magazines *Dirty Goat*, *Pleiades*, *Lake Effect*, *Evansville Review* and *The Literary Review*.

Dr. William Pfaff, assistant professor of music, recently presented a paper at the College Music Society Northeast Regional Conference titled, "Form and Structure Interactions in Canons (to the memory of Igor Stravinsky) by Roger Sessions." His paper, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd," was recently published in the Spring/Summer 2006 issue of *Ex-Tempore*, a journal of theoretical and compositional research. Pfaff's composition, "Quintet" for saxophone quartet and piano was premiered at SUNY Plattsburgh on March 31 by the Frontier Saxophone Quartet (includes Dan Gordon) and pianist Karen Becker. Last fall, Pfaff was commissioned to compose a work for chorus and English Horn by the Master Singers, Lexington, Mass. The work, "During Wind and Rain," received its premiere on November 13, 2005. The English Horn part was performed by Robert Sheena of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Gordon Pollard, professor of anthropology, gave a public presentation in Plattsburgh titled, "History and Archaeology of the Clinton County Charcoal Iron Industry." The presentation was sponsored by the Clinton County Historical Association as part of its public lecture series.

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, April 21 - Saturday, May 13

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12 p.m. Graduation Photos, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$3 at the door only. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

8 p.m. Choral Fest Concert, Performance by Choral Union, Minor Adjustments, Cardinal Singers, & College Chorale all directed by Jo Ellen Miano, music dept chair. Tickets at the door or at Angell Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

10 a.m. Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring over 100 vendors from New York and Vermont. Admission: free for Plattsburgh State students with ID and children under 12, \$2 general public, payable at the door. Sponsored by the Student Activities Office. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

3 p.m. Take Back the Night, sponsored by Center for Womyn's Concerns. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

4:30 p.m. "Outside the Classroom", an evening to highlight the career and achievements of Dr. Douglas Skopp, Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, with a reception followed by a conversation at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. Don Juan in Chicago, Presented by the College Theatre Association. Tickets \$3 at the door only. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

8 p.m. Minor Adjustments Invitational, Tickets \$1 at Angell College Center Desk or at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

12 p.m. Club Caribbean Brunch, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

3 p.m. Bingo Night, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

2 p.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Organizing an Effective Job Search," sponsored by the Career Development Center. Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

8 p.m. "Calabash-A night of Cultural Performances", sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

12 p.m. Academic Integrity, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4 p.m. The North Country Distinguished Business Address, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

4 p.m. Student Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, presents Dr. Mark

Richard, Departments of History and Canadian Studies, speaking on, "This Is Not a Catholic Nation': The Ku Klux Klan Confronts French Canadians in Maine." Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science and CAS. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Fiction reading by Elizabeth Inness-Brown. CVH Commons. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to all.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean BINGO, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

11 a.m. Taste of the Caribbean, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

11:30 a.m. Admissions Presentation, sponsored by Admission's Office. Angell

College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles II, Free Concert sponsored by Music Dept. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

8 p.m. Club Caribbean Panel Discussion, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

11 a.m. Career Development Center Workshop Series, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Stop by Kehoe, Room 202 or call 564-2071 with questions. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

11 a.m. Indian Dance Workshop/Demo. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

Training Opportunity

The National Traffic Safety Institute and SUNY Plattsburgh Employee Assistance Program will sponsor a defensive driving course on Tuesday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. The \$18 fee will be waived for SUNY Plattsburgh employees.

This is an opportunity to learn to be a more careful driver and lower your insurance rates. All interested personnel are asked to submit their request and supervisor's approval to attend to Helen Rock, EAP Coordinator, 112F Ward Hall.

For more information, call 564-3277.

College Council Meeting April 27

The next regularly scheduled College Council meeting will be held Thursday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include several resolutions of honors to members of the campus community as well as reports from Dr. John Ettling, president of the College and a fall enrollment report by Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

8 p.m. Diversity Enlightenment Session, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. An Evening of Classical Indian Dance, sponsored by Anthropology Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

4 p.m. English Dept. Honors Convocation. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

7 p.m. Ms. P.S.U. Caribbean Pageant, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 p.m. Club Caribbean Party, sponsored by Club Caribbean. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

7 p.m. Springfest Concert, sponsored by Student Association. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

10 p.m. Board Game Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

6 p.m. Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

6 p.m. Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. Performance Class, sponsored by Music Department. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 p.m. Guitar Concert, Free concert sponsored by Music Dept. Guitar Ensemble directed by Michael Angelo Fratino. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

8 p.m. Ringing Down the Curtain, Students perform

from dance & acting classes. FREE. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

11 a.m. CVPH Blood Drive Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

8 p.m. Ringing Down the Curtain, Students from dance classes and acting classes perform. FREE. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

8 p.m. Syracuse Symphony, Sponsored by the Music Dept. Tickets available end of April at the Angell College Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

1 p.m. Counselor Education Internship Mini-Conference. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

6 p.m. Gospelfest 2006, sponsored by Gospel Choir. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Outdoor Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Courtyard.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

10 a.m. "Mysteries of World History - A Pageant", sponsored by History Department. Angell Center Amite Plaza.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

2:30 p.m. "Mysteries of World History - A Pageant", sponsored by History Department. Angell Center Amite Plaza.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

10 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the School of Business and Economics and Education, Health and Human Services. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House by 9:15 a.m.

2 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for Arts and Science. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House by 1:15 p.m.



The Plattsburgh chapter of Phi Eta Sigma national honor society donated \$750 toward the purchase of a bench, which has been installed near the Angell College Center. Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines. It is the third most senior member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Since its founding, more than 900,000 scholars nationwide have been inducted into Phi Eta Sigma. Left (l-r): Chapter officers Jason Leach, vice-president, Michael Feldman, secretary and Zachary Warner, president, join faculty adviser Robert Harsh (standing) at the installation.



Fiction Reading April 25

Elizabeth Inness-Brown, an author who has been published in the *New Yorker*, *Boulevard*, *Glimmer Train*, *Fiction International* and *North American Review*, and author of *Satin Palms Here: Stories Burning Marguerite*, will read from her work on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Champlain Valley Hall Commons. Refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the English Department's Visiting Poets and Writers Series and the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science and coordinated by Dr. Alexis Levitin, professor of English. This event is co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. through public funds that it has received from the New York Council on the Arts, a state agency.

Students Study Sustainable Development in Mexico

A group of 17 students traveled to Mexico in March as part of an interdisciplinary study experience. This is the eighth such field experience focusing on sustainable development – two trips have been to Nicaragua, six to Mexico.

Students from a wide variety of disciplines have taken advantage of these field experiences, including environmental science, communications, education, economics, political science, biology, hotel, restaurant and tourism management, anthropology and English.

"Sustainable development is about communities and how they interact with the world," said Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick, associate professor of Latin American studies and co-organizer of these field experiences with Oscar Flores, lecturer of foreign languages and literature and Latin American studies. "To really understand the complexity of the issues these communities face, an interdisciplinary approach is essential. Our experience helps students see the relevance of many of their general education courses as well."

The students attended lectures and visited farms, factories, schools, government agencies and museums within the state of Nayarit, located in the northwest region of Mexico.

"The experience is very intensive," said Flores.

Teams of two or three students picked a topic within sustainable development to study while in Mexico. As part of Showcase, these students recently made public presentations on their research.

"Our group discussed economic and ecological sustainability on shrimp farming in Mexico and abroad," said Michael Feldman, a finance major from Brooklyn. "We went to a shrimp co-op near Tepic (a city in Mexico) and they took us on a tour of their workplace, Agua Brava Lagoon, where they explained the logistics of their work and the problems they faced."

Kelsey Lane, a communication/mass media major from Freehold, N.Y. said, "It was an amazing experience that brought me beyond any text book or Powerpoint could take me. To be placed into a society that is so different from ours, was a unique learning experience."

Shohko Miyai, a political science major from Fukuoka, Japan, said the experience added a great deal to her education.

"I was raised in the second richest country, which is Japan, and am living in the United States, the richest. In my



The students at a yogurt factory in Mexico.

opinion, I tend to be narrow-minded. It was important for me to take a look at another country that is closer to the world average. Knowing the fact that many people are inevitably poor and have little chance to get out of poverty was important to me. I knew it as knowledge, but it was different to see those people directly. It gave me a new perspective."

Fitzpatrick said that this trip was rewarding for her and Flores.

"It was exciting for me to hear the students trying to define the problems we observed and actively engage in a lively discussion of the remedies – the boundaries of the problems and the solutions were never restricted to one discipline. To be good problem solvers, many of them were demonstrating skills and knowledge much broader than their discipline."

Student Association to Implement Rational Fee Policy

Using the model proposed for a rational tuition policy, the Student Association will implement a rational SA fee policy.

Currently, students pay \$65 a semester fee that goes toward funding the various activities and student organizations of the SA. Starting next fall, the fee increases to \$70 a semester. That fee will remain frozen for all currently enrolled students and incoming freshmen until they graduate from SUNY Plattsburgh.

"The Student Association believes very strongly about the need for a rational tuition policy for SUNY students," said Michael Cashman '03, SA president. "In having conversations with students, legislators and college administrators, we decided to address this issue at the grassroots level and to send a strong message to state legislators and the SUNY Board of Trustees. With the new SA rational fee policy, we are role-modeling how this can be done with tuition efficiently and effectively."

The fee structure will increase each year based on the Higher Education Pricing Index (HEPI) percentage. For



Cashman

example, the next incoming class of freshman in the fall 2007 will pay \$70 plus the HEPI percentage of the pricing index. If the index increases by 3 percent, those freshmen students will pay \$72.10 a semester ($\$70 \times 3\% = \$2.10 + \70) for the SA fee until they graduate. The following year, in the fall of 2008, the incoming freshman will pay \$72.10 plus the percentage increase of the pricing index.

"The rational fee policy allows for students, both currently enrolled as well as prospective students, and families to know what they will be paying for the SA fee during their collegiate years," said Cashman. "With rising costs, the SA felt it was beneficial to guarantee the fee for students."

This rational SA fee structure is the first in the state.

"This is one of the most progressive policies that the SA has taken on," said Cashman. "We appreciate the support and commitment we received from the administrators at this institution to implement this policy."

The Plattsburgh State SA fee is still well below the average for all other SUNY comprehensive colleges.

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Faculty/Staff Members Receive Chancellor's Award

Four faculty and one staff member at SUNY Plattsburgh have been selected to receive the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Dr. Deborah Altamirano, associate professor of anthropology, Dr. Anna Battigelli, professor of English, and Dr. Faten Moussa, professor of management and international business, are the recipients the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Gary Brannigan, professor of psychology, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity.

Bryan Hartman, director of residence life and adjunct lecturer in counselor education, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The recipients will be honored during the President's Welcome prior to the start of the fall semester.

Altamirano joined the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty in 1998 and was promoted to associate professor in 2004. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her master's and doctorate from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"Dr. Altamirano is a faculty member who lives the criteria for this Chancellor's Award," said President John Ettling. "She is a highly effective teacher-scholar-citizen of our community who is recognized by students and peers as a talented, compassionate and creative individual."

In addition to teaching in anthropology, Altamirano has taught in the College's first learning community, Looking for America, and was instrumental in its design



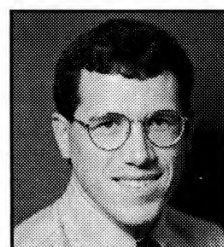
Altamirano



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and implementation with other faculty members. She is currently serving as director and teaches for the Women's Studies Program and also teaches Latin American studies courses. She is also an active researcher engaged in long-term research on resistance and repatriate studies involving Greek women fighters during World War II and Chilean women who left during the dictatorship period.

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Commencement Ceremonies set for May 13

More than 900 students are eligible to participate in the two Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14 at the Field House.

The first ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. for students majoring in programs within the Division of Education, Health and Human Services and the School of Business and Economics. The second ceremony will commence at 2 p.m. for students in the Division of Arts and Science.



Demarse-Marcil



Gabriel

The student speaker for the 10 a.m. ceremony will be Jacki Demarse-Marcil, from Plattsburgh. Demarse-

Marcil is a double major in history and Latin American studies. She is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

She is very active in the Model OAS Program, which is advised by Dr. Stuart Voss, distinguished service professor of history and Latin American studies.

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The Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion recently hosted "A Conversation with Dr. Douglas Skopp," part of its Outside the Classroom Program. Skopp is a distinguished teaching professor of history and the college historian. The moderator for the conversation was Chelsea Donovan, an intern in CDPI, and the conversationalists were Deb Light, staff assistant at CDPI, and J.W. Wiley, the center's director.



During the recent Educational Opportunity Program end of the year reception, senior EOP students (above) Alanna Davis and Ese Eyagbeshare shared their thoughts about graduating. Jarelis Ayala also shared why EOP is important to her. The EOP Service Scholarship Awards were given to Rose Francois and Sarah Matos, and the EOP Professional Service Award was presented to Dr. Michele Carpentier.

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Battigelli came to SUNY Plattsburgh in 1987 and was promoted to full professor of English in 1999.

She received her bachelor's in English from the University of North Carolina, and her master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Battigelli spends countless hours as an advisor, mentor and motivator for her students. She is a dynamic and exemplary teacher who is also an emerging scholar in the field of restoration and 18th century studies. She wrote the award-winning book, *Margaret Cavendish and the Exiles of the Mind* (1998) and is currently working on her second highly anticipated work, *John Dryden and the English Catholic Tradition*.

"Dr. Battigelli is what we believe the true teacher scholar to be," said Ettling. "She is an extraordinarily gifted teacher-scholar who enriches the lives of her students and all who have the opportunity to work with her."

Moussa joined the faculty of SUNY Plattsburgh in 1986 and was promoted to full professor in 2003. She received her bachelor's degree and an M.B.A. from the Faculty of Commerce at Cairo University and her doctorate in business from Baruch College of CUNY.

"Dr. Moussa's students describe her as challenging, encouraging of participation and thoughtful," said Ettling. "She employs her scholarly pursuits to help inform her teaching; incorporat-

ing much of her research findings into courses and the curriculum."

Moussa is actively engaged in her scholarship, which focuses on management issues. She has published numerous refereed journal articles, given presentations at national conferences and served as a session chair, discussant or participant at more than 20 national meetings in her field.

Brannigan has been a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty since 1973. He received his undergraduate degree from Fairfield University and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Delaware.

Over the past 35 years, he has developed a critically important line of research in the field of psychological assessment and social as well as child and adolescent development. He has authored or co-authored 19 books, which include instructor manuals and test manuals.

He presents at national conferences and has served on editorial boards of four important journals in his field. He is nationally and internationally recognized as an expert on the Bender Gestalt test and his research and refinement of the widely utilized test of visual-motor integration used to assess development and neuropsychological functions in individuals.

"A scholar of national and international reputation, Dr. Brannigan is also an excellent teacher who freely

nurtures, engages and supports his students' understanding and learning of complex psychological theories of development," said Ettling.

Hartman joined the professional staff at SUNY Plattsburgh as assistant director of campus life for leadership and off campus concerts in 1993. He received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1988 and his M.Ed. from the University of Vermont. He is currently working on a doctorate at SUNY Albany in education administration.

"Mr. Hartman affects the lives of thousands of our students," said Ettling. "Understanding this potential impact, he is sensitive to student needs and issues, energetic, creative and responsive."

Hartman is currently the director of residence life. He is the province faculty director of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society, project coordinator of Clinton County AmeriCorps and ropes course coordinator. He has served in leadership roles on numerous campus-wide committees, including Faculty Senate Executive Committee on Research and Planning as well as numerous search and strategic committees.

Hartman also serves on the academic side of the institution as a frequent instructor who has taught a variety of courses, including honor seminars and graduate courses in the counselor education program.

New Five-Year Master of Science for Teachers Program

Twenty-six students will finish their first academic year in the new adolescence education (grades 7 -12) five-year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science for Teachers Programs this month.

Currently in the pilot stage, the program offers a combined undergraduate and graduate degree in adolescence education and biology, chemistry, English, French, geology (earth science), history (social studies), mathematics, physics and Spanish.

These five-year programs will appear in the 2006-07 catalog, and the Admissions Office will begin to recruit students for the new programs next fall, to begin in fall 2007.

The students currently in the pilot programs were invited to participate based on their grade point averages, overall academic performances or recommendations by respective academic chairs.

"We have solicited students based on academic performance for the fall 2006," said Lois Beach, associate professor and chair of adolescence education and chair of the MST program. "So far, 12 students have expressed an interest for the next academic year."

The programs consist of undergraduate general education courses, course work in related disciplines, and each student will take a six-credit edu-

cation course in the sophomore or beginning of their junior year.

Students will then begin their graduate course work in the eighth semester, typically the last semester of the senior year. They will continue their graduate course work for another two full semesters plus take a summer graduate course.

The programs culminate in a student teaching experience during the 10th semester. At the completion of the program, students will graduate with a bachelor's degree in their discipline and a master's degree in adolescence education.

"These programs offer a seamless entryway to graduate education," said Bethanne Delgaudio, graduate advisor in education, health and human services and the five-year program advisor. "The students are accepted into the program for both undergraduate and graduate studies. A lot of SUNY colleges have been asked to develop five-year programs."

So far, SUNY Plattsburgh is the only SUNY college that has a comprehensive five-year adolescence education program.

"That's a great achievement," said Beach. "The program has been a collaborative effort between the arts and science faculty and the adolescence education faculty."

The five-year programs are unique in the way that they prepare teacher education candidates to work with students, parents and administrators in a rapidly changing educational landscape.

"I like the five-year programs because they would allow me to save money and enter the job market sooner with my master's rather than have to worry about completing it at a later date," said Zachary Warner, a student in the pilot program.

The programs are designed to help teacher education candidates maximize their college experience by combining liberal arts study with knowledge of teaching and learning.

"The new combined bachelor's-master's programs in adolescence education are an exciting innovation for SUNY Plattsburgh," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "They offer students programs that will fully prepare them for success as teachers in a demanding and competitive marketplace. Graduates of these programs will be thoroughly grounded in their area of specialization and already in possession of a master's degree in teaching. This program is an example of Plattsburgh's commitment to both the liberal arts and the professional development of our students."

Dr. Francis Bethlen Inducted into SBE Hall of Fame

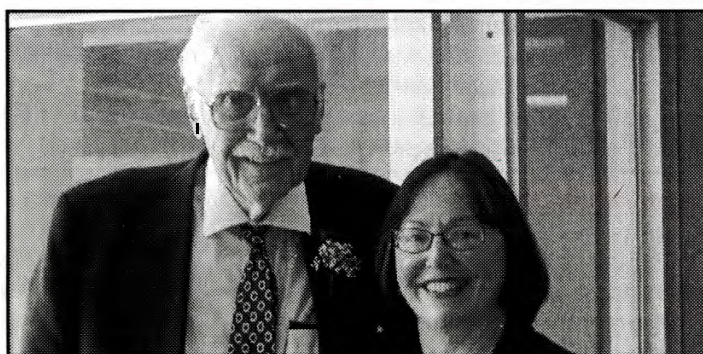
Dr. Francis Bethlen was inducted into the School of Business and Economics Faculty Hall of Fame on April 21.

Emceed by Dr. Nancy Church, distinguished service professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, the ceremony featured the unveiling of Bethlen's portrait in the Mowry Conference Room in Redcay Hall as well as remarks by Dr. Colin Read, dean of SBE, and remarks by former colleagues.

Bethlen was a faculty member at SUNY Plattsburgh for 34 years. In 1961, he joined the social sciences department as an associate professor of economics with a master's degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Purdue University.

He was promoted to professor in 1966 and led the economics faculty from 1963 to 1969. He was instrumental in building strong business and economics programs, particularly marketing and international business study options. He served as professor in the Department of Business and Economics and then the Department of Management and Marketing from 1971 until he retired in 1995. He taught both economics and marketing courses.

Bethlen was awarded his first two Fulbright Fellowships to teach economics at University of Rosario, Argentina in



Dr. Francis Bethlen and Dr. Nancy Church.

1969 and at National University of Cordoba, Argentina in 1970. He received his third Fulbright Fellowship in 1978 at the University of Nicaragua.

He served as director of the Economic Education Council of Northern New York for 15 years, which provided economic training and materials to teachers throughout the North Country. Bethlen also served as an international consultant for the U.N. and other agencies in countries such as Costa Rica, Hungary, Kenya, Tanzania and Russia.

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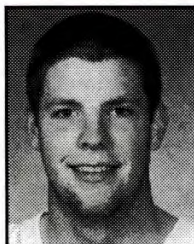
On Saturday, May 13, SUNY Plattsburgh will send forth another group of graduates who are off to start the next step in their lives. Some will continue their education at institutions across the country while others will enter the workforce. We're proud of each and every one of them and can be confident that they have a solid foundation as a result of their SUNY Plattsburgh education. The following articles highlight a few students from the Plattsburgh State Class of 2006. (Written by Molly Bryne, Emily Martin and Zoe Genova, public relations interns.)

Brian Hatch is a marketing major from Berkshire, Vt. He is a member of the men's basketball team and a resident assistant for Hood Hall.

Hatch has also served as a tour guide for the Admissions Office and a Student Ambassador. He is the winner of the men's basketball Jesse Bebo Award for sportsmanship and the Center for Canadian Studies Maple Leaf Award for leadership in community service.

Hatch chose SUNY Plattsburgh for its small-class learning environment.

"It was the right size for me," said



Hatch

Hatch. "It's big enough for a real college experience, but not a place where a student will get lost in the system."

After graduation, Hatch will move to Burlington, Vt. to start a career. After his time in Burlington, he plans to move out West.

"The foundation I received here at Plattsburgh is built on experiences that I have had," Hatch said. "The diverse environment and the wide array of people have helped me grow as a person. These experiences and lessons that I have learned will be with me for the rest of my life."

Oksana Poltavets is a double major in journalism and marketing from Brooklyn, N.Y. She is currently the editor-in-chief of *Cardinal Points*, the award-winning College's newspaper.

She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership society), Lambda Pi Eta (Speech Communication honor society) and Beta Gamma Sigma (Marketing honor society). She currently works for the *Plattsburgh Press-Republican*.

Her favorite professor is Dr. Ron Davis, chair of the journalism depart-



Poltavets

ment. "Dr. Davis is one of the most extraordinary people I have ever met. His knowledge and dedication to his students is impressive," said Poltavets. "There aren't enough ways to say 'thank you' that would be enough to express my gratitude for all he has done for me."

After graduation, Poltavets plans to move to New York City and begin work in the journalism field.

"I got a very well-rounded education. Not just in the classroom, but also with hands-on, practical experience."

Ann Marie Perucci is a speech communications major from Valhalla, N.Y. She is an active member in the Greek Community and a member of the Rho Lambda Leadership honor society.

Perucci has served as the vice president of education for the Inter-Sorority Association, a member of the Student Association, and vice president of academics for Delta Phi Epsilon. She has taken part in Greek Alternative Spring Break in Pursglove, W.V., and was an Odyssey Summer Orientation leader.

Her favorite professor at SUNY Plattsburgh has been Dr. Elizabeth



Perucci

Bernat, assistant professor of speech communications.

"She has surpassed her responsibilities as an advisor by assisting me during my search for a grad program and in choosing a path for my future," Perucci said.

"She gave me confidence throughout my undergrad experience to work hard and excel in my academics."

Perucci has accepted a teaching assistantship to Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. in the master's program in interpersonal communication.

Azilla Clark will graduate with a double major in social work and political science.

Clark is from St. Kitts and Nevis in the Caribbean. She has been a very active member of the Plattsburgh State community. She is a member of Club Caribbean, was involved in the Student Association, is a resident assistant in Whiteface Hall and is a student worker in the Student Activities office.

"I couldn't imagine spending my undergraduate experience any differently," said Clark. "There's no other feeling like adding to someone else's college experience. My activities also have a practical application that are indicative to education, including time management and leadership."

Clark has been accepted with advanced standing to the graduate social work program at Rutgers University for the fall.



Clark

Matthew Bleiberg, a mass communication and journalism double major from Brooklyn, N.Y., is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity,

the sports editor for *Cardinal Points* and the secretary for Macomb Residence Hall Council.

He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Lambda Pi Eta and Gamma Sigma Alpha honor societies.

"Before I joined my fraternity, I was not engaged in a lot of social activities," said Bleiberg. "I have gained valuable social and leadership skills, and I believe it has made me a better person."

Bleiberg has been an intern in the Office of Public Relations this semester and has written several Focus articles.

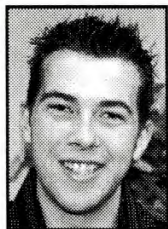
Ultimately, Bleiberg wants to be a sports writer for a newspaper.



Bleiberg

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Craig Neilson is a finance major with minors in both business and accounting. He holds numerous academic and extra-curricular accomplishments. He has made both the Deans and Commissioner's lists every semester while at SUNY Plattsburgh.



Neilson

Outside of the classroom, he is a member of the Men's Ice Hockey Team. Neilson helped the team win the 2004 SUNYAC championship and was named to the SUNYAC First Team and named the Cardinal Classic 2005 Most Valuable Player.

Among other accomplishments, Neilson has been involved with numerous charitable events. Taking part in the Buddy Walk, Heart Walk

and Make A Wish Foundation, Neilson has made a name for himself here both on the college campus and in the community.

In juggling academics, sports and volunteer work, Neilson said, "I have learned a lot about discipline, time management and commitment. It took a lot of dedication to play hockey and pursue an education at the same time. The overall experience of managing the two has helped contribute to my development and has made me a stronger person."

After graduation he plans to stay involved with hockey somehow. Whether it is playing, coaching or teaching, he is also interested in pursuing a career in corporate finance.

Joli Butler transferred to SUNY Plattsburgh in 2003 and is an education major. She has been involved with Plattsburgh Student Service Corps, Flute Ensemble, Growth and Opportunities for Leadership Development, Symphonic Band, Music Council and Omicron Delta Kappa. She has also served as a student coordinator for the PRISM Concert during Homecoming Weekend and an usher for campus events.

As for Butler's most recent accomplishment, she was co-presenter at the 2005 Council for Exceptional Children Conference where she distinguished herself as well as SUNY Plattsburgh.

Through the Service Corps, Butler has volunteered for more than 900 hours in the past three years. She has also volunteered at the YMCA After Care Program and, most recently, as a teacher's aide at Momot Elementary School.

"These two placements have allowed me to work with very talented individuals who have helped me tremendously," said Butler. "They helped me learn about myself, and I now have a greater understanding of being a teacher and care giver to children."



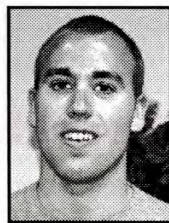
Butler

Colin Aprill, a marketing major from Black Brook, N.Y., is a member of the Men's Track and Field Team and was within 10 feet of breaking the all-time college record for the javelin.

"Looking back, many people have helped me succeed here," said Aprill. "My parents have supported me through everything. My friends, roommates and teammates always help me strive for greater goals while also making my college experience something I will never forget. I can not thank them enough."

"Plattsburgh State has a great environment that has helped me to achieve my goals by providing me with the right environment and the people to flourish academically, athletically and socially in my time here," said Aprill. "I encourage students to come here and really get all they can out of what it has to offer."

He has been accepted to attend graduate school at SUNY Plattsburgh. "My professors and coaches do an incredible job of teaching and challenging me, which has a great affect on what I do now and what I will do in the future."



Aprill

Caitlyn Bergeron

is a mass media major with a minor in political science. Along with impressive academic achievements, she has spent five semesters as a member of Plattsburgh State Television (PSTV), working her way from crew member, to producer and director of her own show.

Beyond PSTV, Caitlyn has also worked as a communications lab assistant, teaching her peers how to shoot and edit video.

Bergeron has also had an active role with the Student Association, from senator to the vice president of student services. A member of three honor societies, she was also selected for "Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities."

Currently Bergeron interns at WPTZ and shadows the morning news producer. Working midnight to 9 a.m., she has the opportunity to see stories she has written go on air. She has already been hired to be a production assistant at WPTZ following graduation.



Bergeron

Ashley Fox is an education major as well as a tour guide and resident assistant in deFredenburgh Hall. She also tutors math in the learning center and is an active volunteer on campus.

As an RA, tutor and tour guide, she's had the opportunity to work with both current and prospective students.

"I have been able to work with a wide variety of diverse students and help them make their college experience more enjoyable. As well I have been able to help prospective students see how great Plattsburgh State is and why students love it so much."

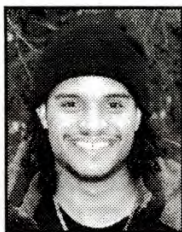
Fox has been admitted to Plattsburgh's Graduate Program and will be pursuing her master's in the curriculum and instruction program in the fall.



Fox

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Craig Bellot is a Wallhouse, Dominica, native who will be graduating with a double major in computer science and music. He certainly embodies SUNY Plattsburgh's vision of involvement and success.



Bellot

While attending Plattsburgh, Bellot became the administrator and creator of www.numusiczone.com, a Website featuring authentic Caribbean music, some of which he helped to produce and compose.

Bellot also contributes his success in his music to professor, Dr. Rick Davies.

"Dr. Davies was the most influential professor I had here at Plattsburgh." Said Bellot. "He taught most of the music classes I took and really helped me to develop my style of music."

Bellot also enjoyed his courses in computer science.

"Future students should choose computer science because the faculty is really helpful. The courses are exciting and also provide you with the freedom to carve your own niche, whether it be computing theory, IT or programming," said Bellot. "I would also encourage students to seek out a major in music as well. The department and the program improve every semester and really offer students endless possibilities to make the major their own."

Nhu Quynh Nguyen is a chemistry major with a minor in environmental science. She has been working with Dr. Ewa Pater, assistant professor of chemistry, on analytical research projects.



Nguyen

"Through my research experience, I've learned a lot of lab technique. I applied what I learned in class into practice. That was a very good way to learn," said Nguyen. "My work with Dr. Pater has been a life-changing experience."

Nguyen, from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, has an uncle who also graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh and is currently a chemist with IBM.

She is a member of the Chemistry Club, served as vice president of the Asian Club and was secretary for the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir.

"When I first came here, I couldn't speak English very well. I took ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. As a smaller school, I was able to have a lot of interaction with my professors, and I learned a lot."

Nguyen will be attending graduate school at SUNY Buffalo next fall and hopes to major in energy or "green" material research.

"I'll remember the springtimes in Plattsburgh, all the friends I've made and my experiences. They have made me who I am."

Kristine Linnihan will graduate with a double major in English and philosophy.

"Coming to SUNY Plattsburgh was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. The close connection between the college community and the students is obvious from the first time one steps onto campus," said Linnihan, a Minneapolis, Minn., native.



Linnihan

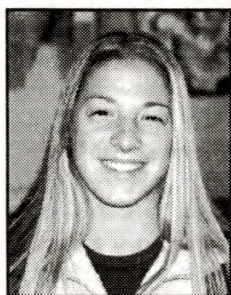
Linnihan was a Student Ambassador, member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), member of Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society), member of Sigma Tau Delta (national English honor society), a Community Service Scholarship recipient and a part-time employee at the Feinberg Library.

"Plattsburgh State has allowed me to reach my goals," said Linnihan. "By providing great faculty who teach engaging and enlightening courses, and by fostering a strong relationship not only between its students and their peers, but between the administration, faculty, staff and the students, which results in a welcoming and positive campus environment."

Combining her love of Philosophy and English, Linnihan has been accepted to begin studying intellectual property law at Hofstra University in the Fall of 2006.

"If a student wants a major where her professors will know her by name and recognize her achievements and growth during her time in college then philosophy and English are where you want to be," said Linnihan.

Rosenbaum Receives Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award



Rosenbaum

Gena Rosenbaum, a stand out on the women's soccer team who will be graduating May 13, has been awarded the SUNYAC Chancellor Scholar-Athlete Award. This award recognizes academic achievement and athletic excellence.

Rosenbaum, a forward from Morrisonville and psychology major and coaching minor, was also selected for first- and second-team All-

Northeast Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She was among 33 all-region players on first, second or three teams.

Rosenbaum led the team with 12 goals, nine assists and 33 points en route to the all-conference first team for the fourth straight season, becoming the first player in program history to accomplish that feat.

She increased her school record career totals to 60 goals and 154 points and became the Cardinals all-time leader with 34 assists this season.

Foreign Language Department Sponsors Training Conference

Members of the Foreign Languages and Literature Department recently participated in an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) training program by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

The training conference was the culmination of the Foreign Languages Enhancement Project, a grant designed to address the certification requirements for the department.

Trainers Dr. Isabelle Kaplan (French) and Dr. Antonio Fernandez-Vasquez (Spanish) taught the principles and procedures of oral proficiency testing and provided ample opportunity for the participants to practice interviewing and rating techniques.

"The four days allowed trainees to move from theory to practice in their understanding of the rating scale," said Dr. Jean Ouedraogo, associate professor



Conference participants listen to trainer Dr. Antonio Fernandez-Vasquez.

and chair of the department. "Each participant interviewed volunteers using the structure and elicitation techniques of the OPI. Group discussions allowed for further cementing of the applicable rules both in the conduct of the interview as well as the judging of the sample output."

The training program was made possible through a UUP/Joint Labor-Management Campus Grant, with UUP

providing 70 percent of the funding and participating campuses contributing 30 percent.

Faculty members from SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Delhi joined SUNY Plattsburgh faculty members Dr. Isabel Arredondo, Oscar Flores and Dr. Fernando Iturburu for the four-day conference held in the Angell College Center.

The grant was authored by Ouedraogo with support from Dr. Céline Philibert of SUNY Potsdam and Dr. Nelson Lopez of SUNY Delhi.

"I'd like to extend a special thank you to our students and volunteers who came to be interviewed during the conference as part of our training," said Ouedraogo. "The trainers were very impressed by the quality of all the volunteers and of our faculty trainees. I also thank College Auxiliary Services and the Sponsored Research Office for their assistance."



The Division of Education, Health and Human Services, the North Country Teacher Resource Center and the Plattsburgh City School District sponsored the first "Schools of the Future" Conference on May 2. The conference brought together K-12 administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists and higher education faculty to discuss ideas about what schools might look like 10 to 15 years from now. Rick Stiggins, a 1968 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate and native of Western New York, gave the keynote address. Stiggins began his assessment work in graduate school at Michigan State University where he received his doctorate in 1972. He is the founder and CEO of the Assessment Training Institute (ATI) in Portland, Ore. Following the keynote address, conference attendees participated in facilitated small group discussions.



The School of Business and Economics hosted another semester of "Who Wants to be a Graduate," based on the television game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." Created by SBE outreach coordinator Kimberly Kleist, the weekly event gives graduating seniors the chance to win money to start their post-collegiate life. In the SBE version, contestants can't "walk away" with a dollar prize; they must freeze their score and all remaining contestants must tie or beat that score. Sponsored by Citizens Bank, the winning contestant at the end of the semester has the opportunity to walk away with more than \$2,600. Above, Reed Racette, business development officer for Citizens Bank, game contestant Hesham Gaber, Kleist and Bart Murray, vice president of business banking for Citizens Bank. -- Photo by Samantha Schantz, Photography Intern

Zeta Beta Tau Hosts Charity BBQ

On April 21, the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity opened up its backyard and its grill to Plattsburgh State students, administrators and community residents as part of its fifth annual ZBTahiti, a food, clothing and monetary donation drive.

People who brought either a canned or boxed non-perishable food item, a piece of clothing or donated money to the Children's Miracle Network, were granted admission into the event.

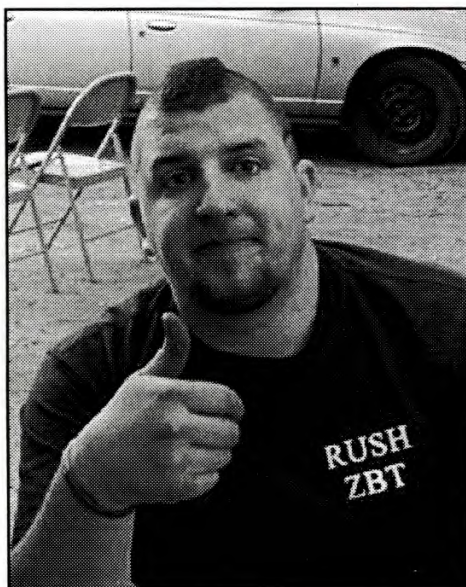
Once inside, guests were treated to all-you-can-eat burgers, hot dogs, cans of soda and bottles of water. A volleyball court was set up for volleyball and badminton, and music blared from three large stereo speakers.

Many Greeks attended the barbecue, including Alpha Phi junior Margaret VanLeeuwen.

"I liked playing volleyball. The food was great, and talking to other Greeks was awesome," she said. "I don't really know anyone, but now I know a lot of other Greeks. An event like this makes the Greek community stronger."

The event, which is a traditional event created by the national office of Zeta Beta Tau, was established locally at Plattsburgh State in 2002 partly due to Zeta Beta Tau and Plattsburgh State alumnus Daniel Galimidi '04.

"I came up with the idea to have it on campus because I always collect food and clothing for shelters at home with



Adam Lewin gives a thumbs-up at the charity event, ZBTahiti.

my parents," Galimidi said. "I felt it was a good way to give back to the community that needs it more than I do. Every ZBTahiti, I come up and go on a shopping spree and buy four cases worth of cans."

Galimidi also pointed out an encounter with a Plattsburgh resident during this year's ZBTahiti.

"We had someone earlier today, a neighbor, his name was Charles and his wife's name is Penny," Galimidi said. "He said it best that the community wants to see what Greek life really is about. It's far from craziness."

Zeta Beta Tau chapter president junior Kyle DeMers was proud to see a lot of people at the event.

"Inviting the entire campus, having campus officials here and seeing all Greeks united together as well as members from the regular community shows that we're all dedicated to one purpose, and we really do care about our community," DeMers said.

DeMers also said ZBTahiti is one of the strongest and most consistent events the chapter has put together on this campus.

"We will keep on doing this every year, and hope it keeps on being successful," he said.

All food will be donated to the local JCEO Food Shelf, and the clothing will be given to the local Salvation Army.

--Matthew Bleiberg, PR Intern

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Demarse-Marcil had the opportunity to spend last fall in Washington, D.C. as an intern for the State Department, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The second ceremony at 2 p.m. will feature student speaker Jannel Gabriel, an environmental science major from St. Lucia in the Caribbean.

Gabriel has been an active member of the Plattsburgh community and has served as a resident assistant in Wilson Hall, a member of Club Caribbean, a tutor with the Clinton County Literacy Volunteers and a DJ on the campus radio station, WQKE. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. She was the recipient of the New York State Women's Farming Association Scholarship.

Arnold Amell '53 will be honored during the ceremonies with the

Distinguished Service Award, which is presented by the College Council.

Amell, the vice-chair of the College Council, was first appointed to the council in May 1989, to fill an unexpired term and was subsequently re-appointed in 1992 and 1999 for seven-year terms. In 2004, he served for 10 months as interim chairperson of the council, replacing Robert Garrow '52, who had resigned.

Amell has also served on several presidential search committees and has attended nearly every commencement ceremony.

Also honored during the ceremonies will be Susan Bauer-Wu '83. She will be presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Bauer-Wu is an instructor of medicine at Harvard University School of Medicine and researcher with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Ronald B. Stafford will be posthumously awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the State University of New York during the ceremonies. His wife, Kay Stafford, will accept this honor on her late husband's behalf.

Senator Stafford, who was elected New York State Senator in 1965, climbed the ranks until he retired in January 2003 after 37 years in the New York State Senate. He passed away in June 2005.

Dr. John A. Grant III '82 will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the State University of New York.

Grant is a geologist with the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution and a participating scientist with NASA for the Mars Exploration Rover Mission.

Wright Awarded National Student Research Grant

Chrissa Wright, a junior biochemistry and biology major from Bernhards Bay, N.Y., has received a national Sigma Xi Grants in aid of Research Award. Sigma Xi is the international research society.

To apply for the grant, Wright wrote a detailed grant proposal including a budget. She also included two letters of recommendations from Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences, and Dr. William Deutschman, assistant professor of chemistry.

Wright was awarded \$400 for her research project on the structural and functional analysis of the hemoglobin gene in *paramecium tetraurelia*.

"We sequenced the gene on the new DNA sequencer in the genetics labs, and thus far, I've examined genetic expression under high and low oxidative conditions," said Wright, who will be spending her summer in an undergraduate research fellowship at SUNY Upstate Medical Center. "Then we are going to do RNA interference next fall."

She will be presenting her research this summer at the



Wright

International East Coast Meeting of Protozoology and in October at the National Association of Biology Teachers Conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I have enjoyed my research immensely. I could have never imagined all the opportunities that have come my way. I'm very grateful to Dr. Elwess and Sandy Latourelle (adjunct lecturer of biological sciences)."

Wright became interested in this research during her molecular genetics class in fall 2005 and began a project that branched off from a project by Kathleen Lanzer, who graduated last December.

"My research has a similar protocol with a different gene."

Wright's goals include going to graduate school to pursue her Ph.D. in molecular genetics and to be a researcher.

"I transferred to Plattsburgh from SUNY Buffalo after my first year. I wanted to have more close interaction with the faculty, and I've gotten that here. It was a great decision to come here."

Spotlight

on faculty and staff

Dr. Thomas Braga, professor emeritus of French, wrote a short prose crónica titled, "French Coffee," which appeared in a recent issue of *Magazine Six*, published in Key West, Fla.

Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences, and **Sandra Latourelle**, adjunct lecturer in biological sciences, were invited to present at the National Biotechnology Teacher-Leader Program in April in Chicago, Ill. This program was run in conjunction with the International Biotechnology Conference. The title of their talk was, "Why the Y Chromosome? A Look at Male Lineage and Ancestry." Elwess and Latourelle have also published a paper, "Inquiry, Observation and Expression: Be Creative but Stay Genuine," in the *American Biology Teacher*. Elwess and **Dr. Daniel Vogt** have published a paper, "Heart Rate and Stress in a College Setting," in *Bioscene, Journal of College Biology Teaching*.

Dr. Angelo LaMariana, professor emeritus of music, recently participated in America's Walk sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. The 91-year-old walked five miles to help raise \$5,000 for diabetes awareness. LaMariana also writes articles for the *Rotary Fishing Tournament*. His 12th

article recently appeared in the publication. He has been publishing music and fishing articles since 1954.

Dr. Jonathan Slater, assistant professor of communication, was recently granted the Rabin Fellowship in Judaic Studies to develop the course, "American Mass Media and the Jewish Experience." The fellowship carries with it a stipend of \$1,000, a one-course release in spring 2007 and additional support for travel and funding for library and media purchases. As part of the fellowship, Slater is planning to visit the Skirball Cultural Center, a Jewish cultural museum, in Los Angeles, Calif., in spring 2007 to consult with scholars, curators and search media archives.



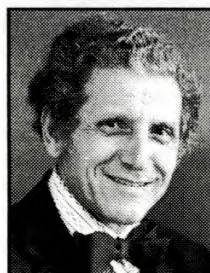
Braga



Elwess



Latourelle



LaMariana



Slater



Vogt

FOCUS Calendar

Friday, May 5 - Saturday, May 13

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

FRIDAY, MAY 5

1 p.m. Counselor Education Internship Mini-Conference, sponsored by Counselor Education. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

6 p.m. Gospelfest 2006, sponsored by Gospel Choir. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

10 p.m. Outdoor Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Courtyard.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

1:30 p.m. Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

9 a.m. "Mysteries of World History - A Pageant", sponsored by History Department. Angell Center Amite Plaza.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

2:30 p.m. "Mysteries of World History - A Pageant", sponsored by History Department.

Angell Center Amite Plaza.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

1 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

3 p.m. Senior Reception. Angell College Center Courtyard, rainsite is the Flynt Commons.

7 p.m. Pinning Ceremony, sponsored by Nursing, Food & Nutrition. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8 a.m. School of Business & Economic Graduation Breakfast. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

10 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the School of Business and Economics and Education, Health and Human Services. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House by 9:15 a.m.

2 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for Arts and Science. Graduating seniors should be at the Field House by 1:15 p.m.

Planning Day May 15

The campus-wide Spring Planning Day will be held Monday, May 15. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. in Yokum 200 with coffee and rolls.

At 9 a.m., a general session will be held to 10:30 a.m. in Yokum 200. The general session will include remarks by President John Ettling. Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will give an overview of the revised academic plan; John Homburger '75, vice president for business affairs, will present an overview of the budget outlook; Dr. E. Thomas Moran '69 G'73, interim vice president for institutional advancement, will give a report on the capital campaign; Dr. Michael Morgan, will talk about the Middle States periodic review; and Stan Supinski will rundown the campus capital projects.

Breakout Sessions will begin at 10:45 a.m.

- Civic Engagement at SUNY Plattsburgh, Yokum 205 by Lori Walters-Kramer, Golden, Moran and Cori Matthews
- Update on results of strategic planning for 2006-07, Yokum 206 by Dr. Kathleen Lavoie.

Van Safety Education Classes for May and June

May and June Van Safety Training Dates:

May 4/Friday: (1 - 4 p.m.)
May 16/Tuesday: (1 - 4 p.m.)
May 22/Monday: (1 - 4 p.m.)

June 6/Tuesday: (1 - 4 p.m.)
June 13/Tuesday: (1 - 4 p.m.)
June 15/Thursday: (1 - 4 p.m.)

All Classes are held in the Service Building Maintenance and Operations Conference Room. Meet in the lobby of the Service Building on Sanborn Ave. Ext. for the training.

NOTE: The May and June dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a purple folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hr. class or call 564-2121.

Employees interested in attending any of the 3-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011.

All van drivers on campus must complete the 2-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15 passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Policy at 564-2022.



Gary Butler, a 1964 SUNY Plattsburgh alumnus and an assistant men's baseball coach, was honored before a recent home baseball game. He will be inducted into the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame next October. Butler (on the left) was joined at home plate by Kris Doorey, head men's baseball coach, and Rose Anderson '95, director of alumni affairs. Butler served for many years on the Plattsburgh Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Phi Kappa Phi National Nominee

The Plattsburgh State chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has announced that its national nominee for the PKP Graduate Fellowship Competition for 2006-07, Yassmeen Abdulhamid has been selected to receive the PKP Award for Excellence. Abdulhamid, a 2005 graduate who received her bachelor's in English with a study option in literature last May, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Founded in 1897, PKP is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary honor society in America. It first awarded fellowships of \$500 each in 1932. Since that time, the Graduate Fellowship Program has grown to its current status – awarding \$380,000 annually in the form of 60 fellowships of \$5,000 each and 40 Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each for post-graduate study at accredited institutions of higher learning.

Counselor Education Mini-Conference Friday, May 5

The Counselor Education Department will present its semi-annual internship mini-conference on Friday, May 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms 1 – 8 and the Amnesty Room in the Angell College Center.

The internship mini-conference is the culmination of projects that interns have undertaken in service to their internship sites. Interns choose projects from among the following types: evaluation of a program that is already in place; development of a program based on a needs assessment, followed by a program evaluation; writing or assisting in writing a grant proposal; a research project; or an alternative developed in collaboration with the site or internship supervisor.

All internship projects are presented during the mini-conference. Students must also write a report that consists of a literature-based rationale, background and project outcomes and recommendations for future implementation of the project. These projects are presented for fellow peers, faculty, internship supervisors and the general public.

The following is the list of presenters:
2:30 to 2:55 p.m. and 3:30 to 3:55 p.m.

- Ellen Frey, Meeting Room 1
- Tiffany Gisondi, Meeting Room 3
- Heather Hall, Meeting Room 4
- Holly Michael, Meeting Room 5
- T.J. Little, Meeting Room 6
- Michael Pitaro, Meeting Room 7
- Rheta Recore, Meeting Room 8
- Patty Quaglietta, Amnesty Room

3 to 3:25 p.m. and 4 to 4:25 p.m.

- Gerard Scalera, Meeting Room 1
- Jamie Silver, Meeting Room 3
- Kelly Hart, Meeting Room 4
- Susan Henning, Meeting Room 5
- Erica Rock, Meeting Room 6
- Barbara Tejada, Meeting Room 7
- Jim Sheppard, Meeting Room 8
- Toni Vincelette, Amnesty Room

ODK Inducts New Members



Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, recently held its spring induction ceremony. The following students were inducted: Jayson Barnhart, Ontario, Canada; Aaron Bennett, Plattsburgh; Krista Bianco, Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; Heath Boomhower, East Berne, N.Y.; Kareemot Braimoh, Ikega Lagos, Nigeria; Stelianos Canallatos, Massapequa, N.Y.; Patti Cormier, Plattsburgh; Matthew Cukro, Huntington, N.Y.; Donna Davidson, E. Islip, N.Y.; Alexandra DeFrancesco, Poughquag, N.Y.; Thomas DiNardo, Campbell Hall, N.Y.; Megan DiPasquale, Warrensburg, N.Y.; Courtney Donovan, Shirley, N.Y.; Barbara Drake, Plattsburgh; Marliese Engel, Albany, N.Y.; Lauren Epsenhardt, Stuart, Fla.; Jennifer Flores, Bronx, N.Y.; Christine Funk, Ligonier, Pa.; Kimberly Garrison, Palatine Bridge, N.Y.; Chris Gebhardt, Plattsburgh; Brett Gilmour, Pemberton, British Columbia, Canada; Heather Graham, Argyle, N.Y.; Marilu Gresens, Poestenkill, N.Y.; Mary Hall Sexton, Plattsburgh; Alaina Hart, Albany, N.Y.; Courtney Hodet, Fairfield, Vt.; Nyan Htun, Rangoon, Burma; Jenny Hutchinson, Queensbury, N.Y.; Megan Jensen, Plattsburgh; Jennifer Joslyn, Schuyler Falls, N.Y.; Matej Kollar, Slovakia; Barabora Kollarova, Slovakia; Brittany Kruzinski, Schoharie, N.Y.; Danielle Kudlacik, Glenville, N.Y.; Elyse Lafountain, Mooers Forks, N.Y.; Andrea LaJoie, Tully, N.Y.; Jaclyn Leitze, Burnt Hills, N.Y.; Katrina Liska, AuSable Forks, N.Y.; Feng Mei Liu, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Aimee McCawley, Schenectady, N.Y.; Brenna Merry, Homer, N.Y.; Ross Mishkin, Wading River, N.Y.; Caitlin Mitchell, Lake George, N.Y.; Andrea Ogle, St. Albans, N.Y.; Oksana Poltavets, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lisa Prian, Scotia, N.Y.; Andrew Rice, Scotia, N.Y.; Angela Rotella, Plattsburgh; Athena Rufa, Massena, N.Y.; William Ryan III, Whitesboro, N.Y.; Theodore Santaniello, Silver Bay, N.Y.; Kevin Sherwood, Monroe, N.Y.; Sara Tomasikiewicz, Lockport, N.Y.; Jennifer Tynan, Lake Placid, N.Y.; Jaimee Tyson, Worcester, N.Y.; Anthony Vazquez, New York, N.Y.; Zachary Warner, Averill Park, N.Y.; and Schuyler Younk, Nassau, N.Y. During the ceremony, ODK also inducted a SUNY Plattsburgh staff member, Karin Killough, director of the Claude J. Clark Learning Center.

Felecia Edwards, a senior cellular biochemistry major and criminal justice minor from Troy, N.Y. and ODK member and Circle Leader of the Year for 2006, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. A special reception was held after the ceremony at the President's House.

Sign Language a Popular Course in Speech/Hearing

In 1992, SUNY Plattsburgh began to offer American Sign Language (ASL) classes to students. Jill Eklof, adjunct lecturer in communication disorders and sciences, along with Dr. John Madison, professor emeritus of education, taught Level 1 sign language. The very next year, in 1993, the program offered Level 2. And this year, ASL Level 3 was added to the schedule.

Mary Beth Napoli and Dora Bradley have joined Eklof to teach Levels 1, 2 and 3.

"The students are very excited that we've added Level III," said Eklof, a school psychologist who works with deaf and hard of hearing children and is a child of deaf parents.

The College hired Bradley to teach the Level 3 course. Bradley is deaf, signing is her language. She also works part-time as a substitute teacher and is an aide and story teller in the local mainstream school. She also signs in her church.

"The students love Level 3," said Bradley, who describes the level as an advanced conversational course. "I think the new level will increase in student numbers pretty quickly. The students are now asking for ASL 4."

Level 1 features beginning vocabulary, simple syntax and an introduction into the deaf culture. Level 2 features a more conversational type curriculum. Level 3 is com-



American Sign Language Level III class taught by Dora Bradley (far right).

pletely taught in ASL and is akin to an immersion program.

"I've enjoyed teaching ASL at SUNY Plattsburgh very much," said Napoli, who is a teacher of the deaf. "I've loved the opportunity to meet students. I've worked with many students who have asked for the opportunity to observe deaf students in the local public schools, and we've helped to set that up."

"We close out Level 1 classes almost every semester," said Eklof. "There is a very high demand for the ASL courses."

Luncheon Honors Long-Time Employees

The Annual Longevity Luncheon, which was held May 2 in the Angell College Center, celebrated those individuals who have served the College for many years.

Sharon Derr, assistant director of admissions, was recognized for 40 years of service.

Those with 35 years of service to the College included Dr. Donald Bogucki, professor of earth and environmental science; Dr. Bruce Butterfield, professor of English; Thomas Corigliano, director of SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Center at Adirondack Community College; Dr. James Dawson, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science; Dr. Lonnie Fairchild, professor of computer science; Dr. Hiroshi Itoh, professor of political science; Dr. Gordon Pollard, professor of anthropology; Dr. Tony Poveda, professor of sociology and criminal justice; Dr. Glenn Myer, professor of physics; and Deanna Pratt, agency program aid for arts and science.

Those with 30 years of service to SUNY Plattsburgh include Jeanne Bennink, staff associate in library and information services; Dr. Jon Gottschall, professor of political science; Carol Johnson, administrative assistant for College Auxiliary Services; Dr. William Kelting, professor of accounting; Sandra King, prep worker for Campus Dining Services; Dr. Frederick Kissner, professor of childhood education; Albert Mihalek, senior staff association for arts and science; Bonnie Skelly, salad/prep worker for Campus Dining Services; and Melody Vassar, salad/prep worker for Campus Dining Services.

Those who have served the College for 25 years include Dennis Aprill, lecturer of English, Denise Bell, assistant registrar; Carol Defayette, janitor in maintenance and operations; Diane Deso, cook for Campus Dining Services; Jody Fessette,



senior staff associate in Student Accounts; Dr. Martha Frost, professor of human development and family services; Ethel Hewson, janitor in maintenance and operations; Dr. Charles List, professor of philosophy; Peter Luguri, assistant vice president for Student Affairs; Susan Mayette, secretary in sports and wellness; Cathy Moulton, director of College Housing; Loren Nephew, utility worker for Campus Dining Services; Dawn Short, secretary in the President's Office; Debra Thomas, secretary for Institutional Advancement; Kevin Rabideau, general mechanic in maintenance and operations; and Jill Yando, secretary in Business Affairs.

"I know the College community joins me in congratulating and thanking these individuals for all they have done for SUNY Plattsburgh," said President John Ettling. "They're loyalty and dedication to the College is inspiring and their service is truly appreciated."

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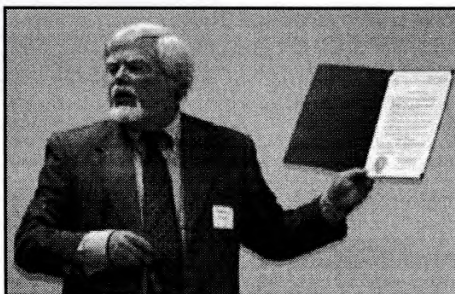
Schnell Promoted to Distinguished Service Professor

Dr. Richard Schnell has been promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of counselor education by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

The promotion recognizes those who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation in a chosen field. The Distinguished Service Professorship honors consistently extraordinary service contributions to the community, state or the nation.

Schnell joined the SUNY Plattsburgh State faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1996. In 2000, he was promoted to full professor.

"Dr. Schnell is richly deserving of this promotion. He personifies the criteria in the course of his daily professional and personal life," said SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling. "His commitment as a citizen, teacher and scholar at this institution, the region, state and nationally is exhibited everyday. He is known by colleagues as one who sets high standards for all in serving broad and diverse constituents."



Dr. Richard Schnell

His leadership statewide to develop new licensure standards and regulations for mental health counselors led to the enactment of legislation in 2005 that now requires mental health practitioners to be licensed to practice. His commitment to the mental health profession has also resulted in the College receiving approval from the New York State Education Department for the license-eligible status of a new mental

health counseling master's degree program. SUNY Plattsburgh was the first SUNY college to receive this status.

Schnell's galvanizing presence has also worked beyond the boundaries of the College, transforming and vitally enriching local and state counseling resources. In the 1970s and '80s, Schnell helped to establish crucial community mental health and human services agencies and programs. In 1970, he founded the Plattsburgh Community Crisis Center, later known as the CEF

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Admissions Closed for Second Year in a Row

The buzz is working about SUNY Plattsburgh.

For the second year in a row, not only has the College surpassed the enrollment goal, but closed admission for new freshman students in early May.

"Current freshman deposits are strong at more than 1,080. This is great news for SUNY Plattsburgh," said Rich Higgins '76 G'78, director of admissions and associate vice president of enrollment management.

Total deposits for incoming freshmen are up by nearly 19 percent over last year and have surpassed the targeted goal of 975 students.

"Due to the high demand, we had to turn away freshman applications as

well as those deposits that were late -- beyond announced deadlines," said Higgins.

"Our freshmen class for next fall looks very promising," said President John Ettling. "Members of the admissions staff should be proud of the hard work they've done during the past year bringing in this class of freshmen. This has also been a College-wide effort, and everyone should feel good about what we have accomplished in terms of our incoming freshmen class."

The College will continue to accept students who want to transfer from other institutions, graduate students and readmits - those students who once attended Plattsburgh and wish to return to complete their studies.



Spring Open House in April was very well attended with more than 1,000 students and family members.

Sodexho Campus Services Announces Campaign Gift

Sodexho Campus Services has pledged its support for the SUNY Plattsburgh *Bright With Promise* capital campaign with a \$250,000 gift.

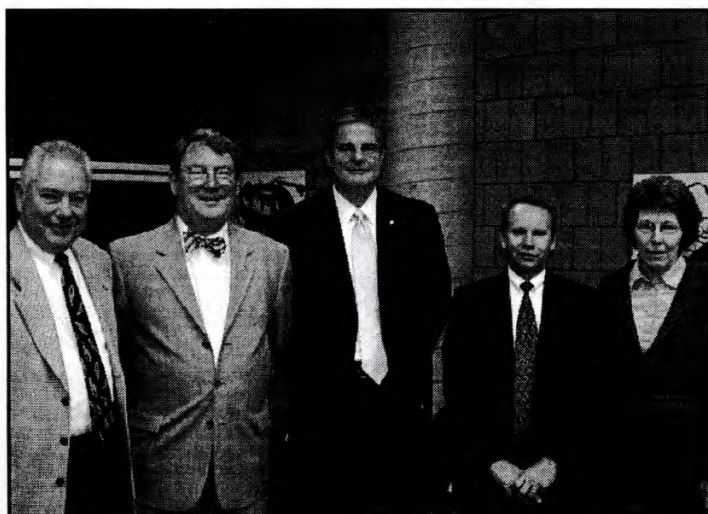
"On behalf of the Plattsburgh College Foundation, the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty, staff and especially its students, I'd like to give a hearty thank you to Sodexho Campus Services for their unwavering support to our campus," said Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh. "This gift will help support student scholarships and other campus priorities. Thank you, Sodexho, for all that you do in support of SUNY Plattsburgh."

Mark Marvel, district manager for Sodexho Campus Services, said that the company has built itself on the values of partnerships like the one with SUNY Plattsburgh.

"At Sodexho Campus Services, we value the partnership we've built over the years with SUNY Plattsburgh," said Marvel. "This gift is a way of thanking the campus and to show how we feel about this partnership. We're investing back into the campus."

The first installment of \$125,000 will be presented to the foundation this September. The second will be given in September 2007.

Representatives from Sodexho Campus Services met with Ettling to announce the capital campaign gift. Those at



the meeting included (see photo above, l-r): Richard Zuconi, division vice president of Sodexho; Ettling; Len Riccio, senior vice president of Sodexho; Mark Marvel, district manager with Sodexho; and Dr. Susan Spissinger, associate vice president of academic affairs and president of the College Auxiliary Service Board of Directors.

8-Week Series Promotes Healthy Lifestyle for Kids, Families

The HeartSmart Family Fun Run/Walk Series begins Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. and will be held every Wednesday for eight weeks.

Offered to the community by HeartSmart for Kids at CVPH and SUNY Plattsburgh, and sponsored by Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Gregory Supply and Hannaford, these events are free and open to all.

Participants check-in at the field behind Memorial Hall. Age groups, dis-

tances and start times are as follows:

Children (under 4-years-old) walk/run a quarter mile and start at 6 p.m.

Children (4-6) walk/run a half-mile and start at 6:10 p.m.

Children (7-10 and 11-14) walk/run one mile and start at 6:15 p.m. Adults may also walk the one mile.

Adults can also participate in the 5K run that starts at 6:30 p.m.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 7-10 and 11-14 age groups. All participants 6 and under will receive ribbons.

Participants who attend at least five races will receive a T-shirt at the end of the series.

HeartSmart snacks will be provided for all participants.

For more information, contact Pamela Ryan at 562-7138.

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Helpline. He also formed the Champlain Valley Family Center for Drug Treatment in 1982 and served as its executive and treatment directors. Three years later, he founded the Champlain Valley Teen Institute.

Schnell was the president of the New York Board of Certified Professional Counselors and in 2003 was appointed by the Board of Regents to the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners. Throughout his career and more recently on the State Board, he has effected substantive changes to improve the status of mental health counselors in New York State.

In addition to his extensive service

in state and regional organizations, Schnell is an active member of such national organizations as the American Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Counseling Association for Humanistic Education and Development and National Association of Teen Institutes. He has presented at state and national professional conferences and has written more than 150 substance abuse prevention program evaluation reports for 23 states.

In 1999, Schnell was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognizes extraordinary professional

achievement.

Schnell received his bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1971 and 1972 respectively. He received his master's degree in education and an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Ph.D. study in social welfare from SUNY Albany.

Schnell joins 12 faculty members from across SUNY who were recently promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Eleven faculty members were also promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

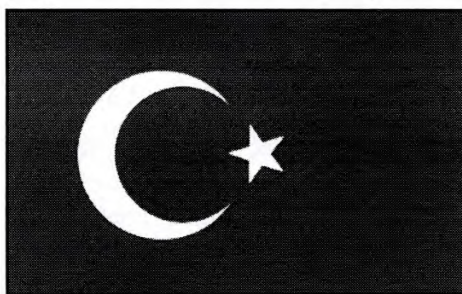
Students, Faculty Traveling to Turkey

When one greets a friend, the tradition is to kiss on each cheek. The lucky charm is a "bad eye." Its biggest city was called Constantinople prior to 1453. These are just a few of the cultural lessons to be learned about Turkey.

As part of the developing partnership SUNY Plattsburgh has with Sakarya University, five faculty members and students will have the opportunity to learn more when they travel to Turkey June 18 - 28, and participate in a 10-day culture and language immersion program hosted by the Turkish university. The five SUNY Plattsburgh participants are Dr. Patricia Higgins, associate vice president for academic affairs and distinguished service professor of anthropology; Robert Rolfs, lecturer in hotel, restaurant and tourism management; Kiera Berggren, adjunct lecturer in chemistry and a speech and language pathology graduate student; Jeremiah Ward, a junior geology major from Cadyville, N.Y.; and Ben Jolly, a junior international studies major from Morrisonville, N.Y.

Jolly said that he was interested in the trip to Sakarya University because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"It will also provide valuable experience for my program of study, inter-



national studies. In many of my classes, I have studied the Middle East and by going to Turkey, I hope to get something I can't just get in books and classroom lectures," said Jolly, who will stay in Istanbul a few days following the program and then travel to Prague and Moscow on his own before returning to the United States. "Discovering Turkey with people who live there will allow us to gain a much different experience than a tourist."

Higgins is a well-known scholar in Middle Eastern cultures and has spent time in Iran, including a year as a Fulbright scholar.

"I have been to Turkey two or three times, but never for more than a week. It has always been in transit to and from Iran," said Higgins. "If I can learn some Turkish, that would be wonderful. I hope to come away with a sense of the structure of the language

and to experience the Turkish culture. I would also like to learn more about their education system, especially elementary education."

"I'm really looking forward to this," said Rolfs. "One of my pastimes is to travel. I love to go to different and new places. I really like to immerse myself in different cultures. I see the trip as a real opportunity, especially in this industry (hotel, restaurant and tourism management). International experience is key and will benefit my students in the classroom."

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "The Turkish language and culture experience being offered by Sakarya University is a great opportunity for the five members of our campus who will be participating. This experience will broaden their knowledge of an important region that is at the crossroads of Europe and the Middle East. The perspectives they will bring back to this campus will be enriching for all of us."

SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling and Dr. Mehmet Durman, rector of Sakarya University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in December 2004 to further explore partnership programs between the two institutions.

Media Production Student Third in PSA Competition

A 30-second public service announcement (PSA) by a SUNY Plattsburgh student won third place and \$500 in the "Lights, Camera, Action: Future Filmmakers for International Aid" national contest sponsored by the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI).

Corey Collins is an audio-radio/digital media production major from Tampa, Fla. His production, titled "Relief," is an animated PSA that was created as a class project for his Advanced Multimedia Design course.

Collins said he was excited about the project.

"With all the catastrophes that seem to hit our planet, I thought it was a good way to let the public know how they can best help when a disaster strikes."

Not foreign to creating award-winning productions, Collins received an "Outstanding Animator's Award" at the Department of Communication's 2006 Student Recognition Showcase in April for his "Losing Your Head" and "Bush's Pretzel Logic" animated shorts.

Finalist entries for the CIDI contest were posted on the CIDI website at www.cidi.org where the public voted for their favorite.

Tim Clukey, instructor for the SUNY Plattsburgh course, said, "Corey did a great job with this piece, and what's most

telling is that his was the only animated entry."

Voting ended on Friday, May 26. The winners come from universities across the country. First place went to a student at Florida State University, and second place went to a team of students from Oakland University.

"I am very excited to announce the three winners who came from a pool of truly impressive entries. After reviewing the PSAs, it is clear that the students put forward their best ideas to convey that cash is the best form of donation to help international disaster victims," said Suzanne H. Brooks, director of CIDI. "It is impressive that the students understand the challenge of appropriate relief, particularly as we face yet another devastating disaster in Indonesia."

CIDI launched the contest on March 20 following a year of international disasters and urgent calls for help from the victims. The CIDI contest targeted U.S.-based university students, seeking their help in creating an educational 30-second television PSA to raise awareness for international disaster relief efforts. Any or all of the PSAs may be broadcast on local and/or cable television across the country.

Based in Arlington, Va., CIDI was created in 1988 and serves as a citizen resource in support of appropriate global international disaster relief.

Canadian Studies CONNECT Program Renewed

The Center for the Study of Canada has announced the renewal and expansion of the CONNECT program.

Launched in October 2003, CONNECT is a national initiative designed to identify, recruit, orient and mentor new Canadianists for the American higher education community. The renewal of CONNECT for the period 2006-2009 will ensure the continued vibrancy of Canadian Studies in the United States. To support this effort, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade with the Government of Canada has committed annual support of \$105,000 (CAD) complemented by a \$75,000 annual commitment from SUNY Plattsburgh through The Center for the Study of Canada.

In recognition of the success that CONNECT has achieved, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and SUNY Plattsburgh have recently entered into an agreement to expand the focus and scope of CONNECT.

To support these activities, Foreign Affairs and International Trade is providing additional support of \$55,000 (CAD) to the Center for the Study of Canada.

Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh, said that the program in the last three years has improved the existing education pro-

grams in the United States for the study of Canada by training and informing more educators of America's neighbor to the North.

"We're pleased and gratified to have the CONNECT Program extended for another three years. This is evidence that the Canadian government appreciates our efforts that we have made in strengthening and increasing Canadian Studies scholars in the United States," said Ettling.

Dr. Christopher Kirkey, director of the Center for the Study of Canada, is very pleased with the program's success in its first three years.

"To date, we have more than 200 participants in the CONNECT mentoring program," said Kirkey. "It is clear by any measure that these individuals are contributing to the rejuvenation and sustainment of Canadian Studies on a national scale."

Throughout 2006-2007, CONNECT will undertake national feasibility studies in Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom to evaluate and determine if the working principles underpinning CONNECT can serve to benefit the growth and sustainment of Canadian Studies in these European nations.

As part of this project, CONNECT will table formal assessment reports with the Government of Canada and present all findings and recommendations at the 2007 German, Italian and



Dr. Christopher Kirkey

British conferences on Canadian Studies.

The announcement of the renewal and expansion of the CONNECT Program was made during a news conference in May at the Center for the Study of Canada. Remarks were offered by Ettling; Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh; Jean Labrie, head of Canadian Studies in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade with the Government of Canada; Dr. Michael Hawes, executive director of the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program; Kirkey; and Dr. André Senécal, director of Canadian Studies at the University of Vermont. Kirkey and Senécal are the executive directors of CONNECT.

The success of CONNECT has been chronicled in a variety of sources, including *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The National Post* and *Newsweek*.

College Hosts Summer Safari Classes for All Ages

"Mom, I'm Bored..." This could be the anthem for children looking for exciting adventures during the summer. SUNY Plattsburgh has the answer - Summer Safari.

With tons of fun and educational programs throughout the summer, Summer Safari offers classes for kids of all ages and interests.

Perhaps you have a budding actor in the house - unleash that creativity in the "Summer Theatre Workshop for the Young Performer." Or maybe you have a future doctor who would love to spend a week at "Camp Med." Or how about a forensics course just for kids - they learn how to catch a thief and solve a whodunit by experimenting with fingerprinting and hair and ink analysis.

There's science, history, writing, reading, math, music, art, language, crafts, cooking... all the summer fun served up by SUNY Plattsburgh and College Auxiliary Services.

For more information about Summer Safari at SUNY Plattsburgh, call 518-564-3054, or to register online, go to <http://www.webcom.com/chilty/cas/Safari2006/form.html>

Here's a quick sampling Summer Safari offerings:

Experimenting Excitement

Ages 7-9; dates: July 10-14, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; location: Sibley Hall. Students will experiment with magnetism, colors, cloud formation, simple machines and matter. Taught by Sharon Carlin and Patti Craig, Beekmantown Central School elementary teachers.

The Battle of Plattsburgh: Soldiers, Sailors and Social Life

Ages 10-12; dates: July 17-21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; location: Battle of Plattsburgh Association Campus, PARC. Students will find out what life would have been like if they lived 200 years ago in Plattsburgh.

Make a Commercial: Make Your Own iMovie

Ages 9-12; dates: Aug. 7-11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; location: Sibley Hall. Students will investigate advertising techniques and choose a local place of interest to promote, then design and create a commercial to encourage travelers to visit Plattsburgh.

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Hansen Named VP For Institutional Advancement

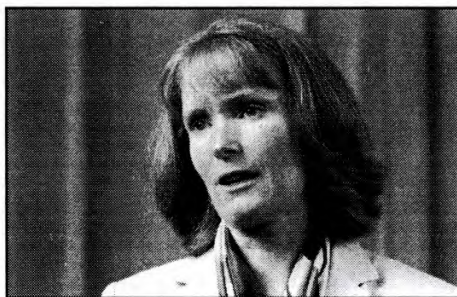
President John Ettling recently announced the appointment of Anne Hansen as vice president for institutional advancement effective later this summer. Hansen is currently serving in the same role at Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vt.

Ettling said he was delighted with Hansen and the wide support of her candidacy for the position.

"I can tell you that many individuals from across campus and in the community expressed their support for Anne following the exhausting two-day campus visit she completed earlier this month. From my discussions with her and comments from others, I believe Anne has the expertise and knowledge that will prove beneficial to our students, faculty and to the future of SUNY Plattsburgh," said Ettling.

Hansen said she was looking forward to working with the president, the vice presidents, the campus and the Plattsburgh community in her new position.

"While visiting with members of the campus and Plattsburgh community, I was very impressed with the high level of enthusiasm, commitment and pride in SUNY Plattsburgh," said Hansen. "It will be a pleasure to work



Anne Hansen

with President Ettling, the dedicated members of the Institutional Advancement team, the directors of the Plattsburgh College Foundation and other community members as we grow the outreach and development programs and take SUNY Plattsburgh to the next level. I am very excited to be joining such a vibrant community.

Ettling thanked everyone who took part in the selection process and especially the committee members.

"Dr. David Mowry (university distinguished professor of philosophy and director of the Redcay Honors Center) and Mr. Trent Trahan (president of the Plattsburgh College Foundation) are to be commended for their excellent leadership as co-chairs of the search committee during the past six months. They and the other members of the committee provided valuable assistance in bringing this search to a successful conclusion."

Hansen's background in development started nearly 13 years ago when she was named class agent coordinator at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1993.

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Another Academic Year Begins with Presidential Welcome Aug. 25

The campus is beginning to gear up for another academic year as the summer slips away.

The annual Welcome from the President will be held on Friday, Aug. 25 in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center at 8:30 a.m.

President John Ettling will give a presentation on the accomplishments of the 2005-06 academic year and will share his goals and priorities for the upcoming academic year.

During the welcome, the SUNY Distinguished Professor, Chancellor's Award recipients and the Teaching Excellent Award for Adjunct Faculty member will be recognized.

Divisional faculty meetings have also been scheduled for later that day: Arts and Science at 10 a.m., Yokum 200; Education, Health and Human Services at 1:15 p.m., location TBA; School of Business and Economics at 10 a.m., Mowry Conference Room, Redcay Hall; Library and Information Services, TBA.

Students will return to campus en masse on Saturday, Aug. 26 as official "Move-In Day" begins.

The Housing and Residence Life Office will be open Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in addition to its regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m.

The Admissions Office will be open Sunday, Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. During these hours, newly admitted students for the Fall Semester may stop in to discuss concerns related to their enrollment.

Course advisement and registration for new students who have not registered previously and/or have questions about their schedules and would like to talk with an academic advisor from their major department will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27 in the Claude J. Clark Learning

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Gina Doty Emcees Stamp Unveiling Ceremony

Gina Doty was the master of ceremonies for an unveiling ceremony by the U.S. Postal Service of its 1606 voyage of Samuel deChamplain stamp.

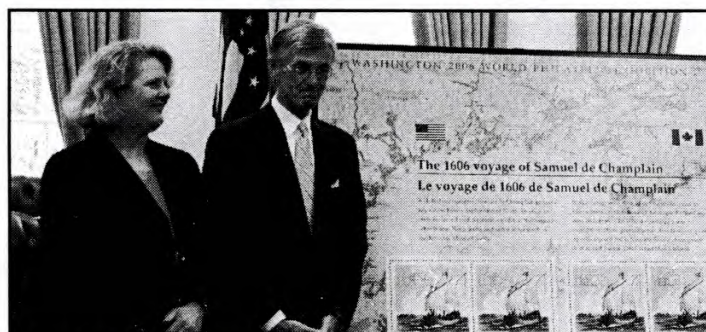
Doty, records manager in management services, is also the co-chair of the Northern Tier Postal Customer Council. It was through this role that she was invited to emcee the ceremony, which took place in City Hall.

"I was pleasantly surprised and honored that I was asked to emcee this important event," said Doty.

Also on hand for the unveiling was United States Congressman John McHugh, New York State Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, then Plattsburgh Mayor Daniel Stewart and Plattsburgh Postmaster Greg French.

The stamp commemorates the 400th anniversary of the explorations by Champlain and will be jointly issued by Canada Post and the U.S. Postal Service.

"There are hundreds of new stamp designs sent for approval every year to the U.S. Postal Service and having this



Gina Doty and Rep. John McHugh at the stamp unveiling ceremony in City Hall.

one chosen is quite remarkable. It was designed by an artist in Montreal," said Doty.

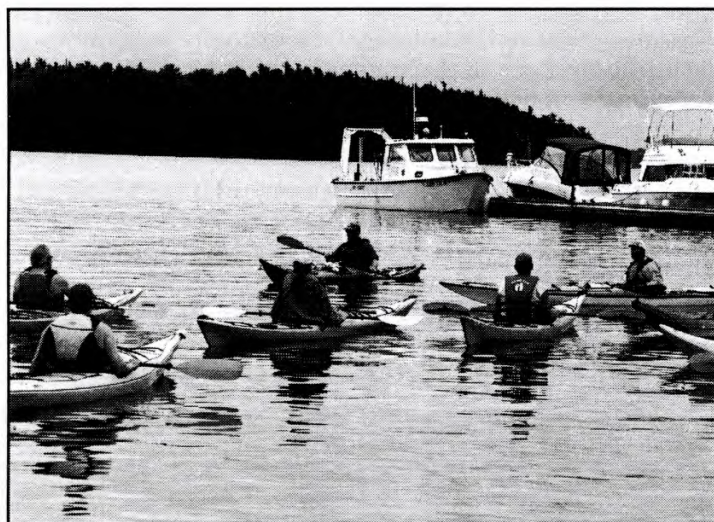
First-day-of-issue ceremonies took place at the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition at historic Fort Ticonderoga at the end of May.

College Council to Hold Annual Retreat Aug. 10 and 11

The College Council will hold its annual retreat in conjunction with its next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Valcour Educational Conference Center.

During the meeting, members will listen to a presentation by President John Ettling and as well as updates from Business Affairs, Institutional Advancement, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. The meeting is open to

the public. The retreat will continue into Friday, and council members will hear reports on future initiatives in academics, update on the teacher education program and physical facilities improvements and future needs.



The annual Lake Champlain Sea Kayak Institute, sponsored by the Adirondack Experience, kicked off on Sunday, July 23, with a series of clinics designed for the beginner to the advanced kayaker. The institute also featured a four-day sea kayaking class, which has it all - skill development, daily tours on Lake Champlain, food, fun and lots of paddling. A popular event during the institute is the Demo Day when new and experienced paddlers alike test the latest paddling equipment. Participants are encouraged to take kayaks out on Lake Champlain. The institute wrapped up with a "Round the Island" Race on Saturday, July 29. This seven-mile citizens race is an opportunity for individuals of all skill levels to enjoy the recreational company of other paddlers, to circum-paddle Valcour Island and enjoy the beautiful mountain views of New York and Vermont.

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Hansen was responsible for seeking support from the alumni of the college. She later served as medical annual fund officer and later medical development and alumni affairs director at the college of medicine.

In 1994, she was named director of special gifts at Saint Michael's College and served as a development team leader.

In October 2001, she was named

interim vice president for institutional advancement at St. Michael's College and was later promoted to the permanent position in July 2002.

She oversees the development, alumni programming, donor relations, public relations and communications departments at the college. As chief development officer, Hansen successfully concluded Saint Michael's seven-year capital campaign on June 30, 2005

with gifts and pledges totaling \$52.8 million. Hansen's leadership led annual average support for the college to increase from \$2 million to \$7.5 million during the Visions Campaign.

Hansen holds a bachelor of arts in business administration and English from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. She and her husband, David, live in Grand Isle, Vt. with their nephew, Robert.

Two Students Win National Scholarship

Two broadcast journalism students at SUNY Plattsburgh are celebrating this summer after being named scholarship winners by Compix Media.

Jason Lewin and Keith LaPlante have each been awarded \$1,500 through the RS Rocks Scholarship Program sponsored by Compix Media, which specializes in television production graphic software programs.

Lewin and LaPlante submitted a slide created with the Compix software and were chosen the winners out of nationwide entries.

Lewin, from Hopewell Jct., N.Y., will be entering his senior year at SUNY Plattsburgh this fall. He is a television/video production/broadcast journalism major with a minor in

broadcast management. He is the sergeant at arms for his fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau, and the treasurer for the National Broadcasting Society chapter at Plattsburgh.

Lewin is also the executive producer of "Cardinal Hockey," which is the most watched program on the campus television station, PSTV.

LaPlante, from Montgomery, N.Y., is also entering his senior year at SUNY Plattsburgh majoring in television production and English. His interests are in film and television. His future goals are to start his own production company and produce television shows or movies.

LaPlante is also a member of the Cardinal Baseball Team and enjoys snowboarding.

Pete Premo, studio manager in the Department of Communication, said, "I am very proud of Jason and Keith for their accomplishment. I am also extremely pleased that they took advantage of an opportunity offered.

"As this was a national contest, the results are posted on the Compix web site. This speaks volumes for our television program at SUNY Plattsburgh."

In order to create a more enriched learning environment for student users of Compix Media character generators, the company developed GenCG-RS, a subscription-based licensing program. The character generator systems enable users to create broadcast quality graphics with "live on-air" capabilities.

Biology Graduate Awarded 3rd in Poster Competition

Recent biology graduate Kyle Martin was awarded third place in the National Genomics Education Poster Scholarship Program sponsored by LI-COR Biosciences. Undergraduate research students from across the country submitted posters on their research projects.

Martin's project focused on DNA barcoding, a new approach to identifying and categorizing organisms.

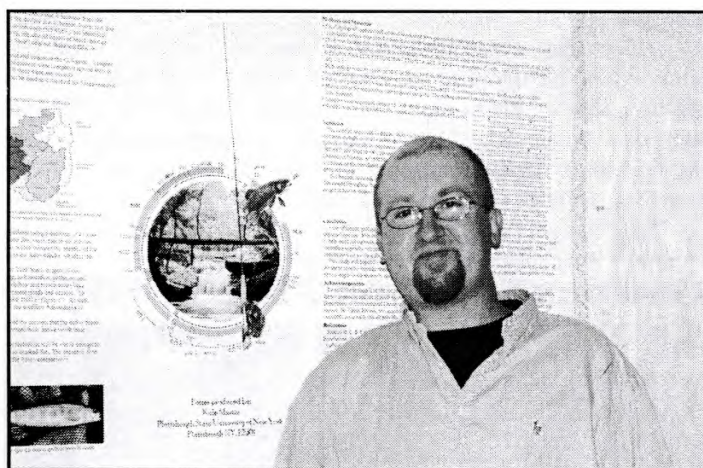
"My research is applying this modern technique to a regional concern in the Adirondacks, which is the health of ancestral populations of brook trout," said Martin. "It definitely makes me proud that my poster placed in the top three. More importantly though, it allowed me to give back to the lab I have been a part of for the past two years."

"The program was LI-COR's way of supporting undergraduate training in molecular biology that emphasizes inquiry-based learning," said Dr. Nancy Elwess who was thrilled her student placed third in the competition. Martin will receive \$200 and the Genetics Lab at SUNY Plattsburgh will receive \$200 as well.

"Dr. Elwess has always gone above and beyond for her students and to give something back to her was very gratifying," said Martin. "The teachers at Plattsburgh were exceptional to me and many have become friends, including Dr. Will Deutschman, Sandra Latourelle and Dr. Neil Buckley.

All these professors along with Dr. Elwess have made a great impression on me during my time in Plattsburgh, and I will carry them in my thoughts for the rest of my life."

Martin, who has lived many places throughout New York and Massachusetts, is planning to work for a few years before applying to graduate school to seek a doctorate in molecular biology and genetics.



Kyle Martin stands next to his award-winning poster.

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Center and the Feinberg Computer Lab.

The Financial Aid Office will be open Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular office hours resume on Monday, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The College Store will have

extended hours during opening week. The hours are as follows:

- Friday, Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 28 and 29, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Wednesday and Thursday, August 30

and 31, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and

- Friday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Feinberg Library will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Fall Semester classes begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 28.

Program Enhances U.S. Experience for International Students

It's a small world after all. Here in Plattsburgh, community members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about different cultures through a unique program at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Partners in Cross-Cultural Learning (PICL) is a program that made its debut at SUNY Plattsburgh last January. International students are matched with volunteers from the community and are provided an authentic experience of life in the United States. The program also provides local residents a glimpse into different cultures through interaction with the students.

"These are the two basic goals of this program," said Michelle St. Onge, who came to SUNY Plattsburgh as the PICL coordinator in March. "It creates a win-win situation for everyone involved."

International students come to Plattsburgh not just for a classroom education; many of them want to improve their English skills and learn about American customs and culture. Students are matched with community residents and meet about once a month for informal activities such as family dinners.

International students can experience what family life is like in the United States. PICL also coordinates various social activities throughout the semester such as pot-luck dinners, bowling outings and sledding parties.

"It's nice to be able to give families

exposure to another culture through interacting with an international student. These connections can develop into lifelong friendships," said St. Onge. "This is a purely social relationship. Community members are not responsible for hosting the students. All of these needs are taken care of by the International Student Services Office on campus. This program provides the opportunity for students to become more involved on and off campus and helps with their transition to Plattsburgh and the surrounding community."

Ten students participated in the first semester of the program, and SUNY Plattsburgh is expecting more than 100 new international students on campus this fall. The total number of international students enrolled at the College is about 320 individuals from more than 50 countries.

St. Onge is currently recruiting community volunteers for the fall semester and will host two upcoming orientation sessions for interested community members. The first will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Plattsburgh Public Library.



Community members, international students and International Student Services staff get together for a party last semester.

The second session will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country, One Work Source Building, 194 U.S. Oval.

"These brief orientation sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about international friendships and the PICL Program," said St. Onge. "Attendees interested in participating will be able to complete an application at the orientation session, and the partner matching process will occur in September."

Members of the community who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. For more information about PICL, visit the Web site at <http://www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/international/picl.php>

Campus Says Good-Bye to EOP Director Marlene Fields



It was an emotional day for Marlene Fields, director of the educational opportunity program. She was saying good-bye to longtime friends as she prepared to leave Plattsburgh to make a new home in South Carolina.

Fields first came to Plattsburgh in 1992. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Oswego and her master's degree from Antioch Graduate School of Education in Ohio.

Left, William Laundry, interim vice president of student affairs, helps Fields with her corsage at the reception held in the Cardinal Lounge on June 16. Laundry also served as emcee during the reception.

"My thanks to everyone who attended and/or contributed in making my retirement reception such a wonderful time," said Fields. "I also want to thank the entire college community for a wonderful 14 years in my professional career, and I will sincerely miss being here, but am looking forward to life's new adventures."